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Sablan

The Fitial administration has started preparing for the release of copies of contracts, fee agreements and other records connected with the governor's federalization lawsuit.

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) made a follow up request for the release of the documents on Wednesday.

The request came a few days after U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Judge Paul L. Friedman dismissed on Monday two of the three counts of

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Tudela suspends 2 police officers

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Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela said yesterday he suspended two police officers since their arrests over separate allegations of criminal activities. One allegedly extorted money from illegal taxi drivers, while the other allegedly beat his girlfriend.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Detective Christopher Leon Guerrero Monday last week on extortion charges, while the CNMI Department of Public Safety arrested Sgt. Joseph Agulto for allegedly beating up his girlfriend early Friday morning.

Tudela said the Department of Public Safety is not a place

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Gunman fired guns more than 40 times

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Li Zhong Ren, the gunman in Friday's shooting rampage in Kannat Tabla and Marpi, fired a variety of guns more than 40 times, including the single bullet he used to kill himself, according to the Department of Public Safety yesterday.

DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong said the 42-year-old Li fired a .223 rifle eight times dur-

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No bail for fugitive lawyer Arriola

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The federal court imposed no bail yesterday for fugitive lawyer Joseph Aldan Arriola, who is facing charges of wire fraud and money laundering.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson said the 42-year-old Arriola poses a substantial flight risk,

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DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, prepares to sign a proclamation declaring December 2009 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month as Public Safety Commissioner Santiago F. Tudela, right, looks on during a brief ceremony in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. As the holiday season begins today, Thanksgiving, authorities call on the community not to drive or let others drive when they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs to save not only their lives but also the lives of others. Since the start of 2009, the Department of Public Safety recorded five deaths linked to alcohol and 171 drinking under the influence of alcohol-related arrests.

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Local

Guam typhoon generates high surf

The Emergency Management Office is strongly advising the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches until Friday due to large waves brought on by a typhoon passing Guam.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, swells generated by Typhoon Nida will produce hazardous surf conditions and a high risk of rip currents through Friday evening.

A high surf and small craft advisory remains in effect for the Marianas region.

Expect hazardous surf of 9 to 12 feet along east facing exposures and along southeast facing exposures Thursday and Thursday night. Surf heights will peak early on Thursday as Nida makes its closest approach. Surf of 8 to 10 feet is expected along south facing reefs on Friday.

East and north facing reefs will be particularly dangerous due to rip currents that are life threatening. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

PSS to settle $12M employer's contribution with Fund; CPA may be out of the list soon

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The amount of employer contributions owed by autonomous agencies could soon go down by a significant amount following the disclosure of the NMI Retirement Fund that one of the delinquent agencies has expressed willingness to settle its obligation with the Fund.

Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo reported to the board of trustees during last week's meeting that the Public School System has expressed willingness to resolve the issue.

Based on Fund records, PSS has an accumulated $12 million unpaid employer contributions to the Fund as of August 2009—a month prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Despite this unpaid obligation, Alepuyo said that PSS has shown diligence in paying in full for its employees who want to retire. "One good thing about PSS, they pay off the full amount for their employees who want to retire," she said.

Alepuyo said that PSS, through its legal counsel, has asked for a meeting with the Fund on the issue.

"PSS is amenable to an agreement and they have requested us to sit down with them," she said, adding that negotiation is on the table.

PSS, she was told, may use part of the $38 million stimulus funds it will get to settle this obligation.

Alepuyo also reported that the Commonwealth Ports Authority is expected to be removed in the next few months from the list of autonomous agencies with unpaid contributions.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Fund and CPA have inked two agreements relating to the unpaid employer contribution. Both accounts, Alepuyo said, may be settled in the next four to five months.

It was learned that CPA is now diligently paying its obligation and has just $80,000 balance under its accounts.

The Fund trustees acknowledged that the issue with CPA stemmed from payroll problems it encountered with the company it hired to do its payroll accounts. The company did not remit CPA's contributions to the Fund.

As of Aug. 30, 2009, eight autonomous agencies have incurred a total of $23.4 million in unpaid contributions to the Fund.

PSS topped the list with $12 million as of August; NMC owes $5.078 million; Commonwealth Utilities Corp., $2.2 million; Tinian Municipal Treasury $1.6 million; Marianas Visitors Authority with $449,898; Department of Public Lands with $101,341; and the Commonwealth Ports Authority, which has two outstanding obligations to the Fund ($149,708 and $121,314).

Saipan Tribune learned that a big bulk of the agencies' debt to the Fund was a result of changes in the law pertaining to the employer's contribution rate being increased from 36 percent to 11 percent.

Records for September 2009 were not available for the media when requested during last week's meeting.

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628 'overstayers' get conditional umbrella permits

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Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham has granted conditional "umbrella permits" to 628 aliens who have been classified as overstayers.

As this developed, two long lines of people seeking "umbrella permits" were seen at the Department of Labor yesterday—four days before the federalization transition date takes effect on Saturday, Nov. 28.

In a public notice issued today, Thursday, Buckingham said that certain conditions apply in the case of the 628 individuals who were classified as "overstayers."

Should any of these individuals fail to comply with each and every condition, the conditional umbrella permit shall be null and void, he said.

The AG said each conditional "umbrella permit" is subject to renewal and that members of the AG Investigative Unit will be reviewing the renewals.

Aliens classified as "overstayers" and those having pending Labor cases trooped to Labor yesterday as early as 6am. As of 12pm, many of the "early birds" were still near the entrance of the former Halinas Kitchen where Labor and Immigration were processing the "umbrella permits."

The other separate line was for persons having Immediate Relative status or pending IR status. Some of those with IR status said they fell in line on Tuesday, but were instructed to return yesterday.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Labor Deputy Secretary Cinta Kaipat stated that over 90 percent of those qualified to obtain the "umbrella permits" have already obtained their permits.

The federalization law states that any Commonwealth-issued permit that is in existence on Nov. 27, 2009, will be honored for two years after the law's transition date. The transition date is currently set for Nov. 28, 2009.

Labor began the distribution of "umbrella permits" last Oct. 26.

Junior Statesmen Foundation gets $236,000 Interior grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Tony Babauta recently signed a technical assistance grant amounting to $236,100 for 24 high school students from the insular areas to attend the 2010 Junior Statesmen Summer Schools.

"We are delighted that our partnership with the Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs, Technical Assistance Grant has been renewed," said Junior Statesmen chief executive officer Dave Viotti. "I attended Junior Statesmen Summer School as a scholarship student and I know from personal experience the powerful impact this program has on young people."

"We are pleased to be able to offer these scholarships for our youth from the Insular Areas," said Babauta. "We are also very pleased that JSF has been able to leverage this assistance to increase the numbers of students actually participating from these islands."

This will be the 20th year that the Junior Statesmen Foundation has worked in partnership with OIA to identify, educate and train outstanding insular-area high school students for active, effective and ethical participation in public affairs.

Interior Department grants cover the cost of each scholarship winner's Summer School tuition (including room and board on the host University campus and all related costs, as well as transportation to and from the university).

The Junior Statesmen Summer School is conducted on Georgetown, Princeton and Stanford universities.

At the monthlong Summer Schools, students take a Political Science college level course, along with high level instruction in debate and leadership.

Six insular areas will participate in the 2010 Scholarship Program: American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Palau and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Interior Department grant also funds Academic Prep Programs in colleges in American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to help prepare their students for their Summer School experience.

From its founding 75 years ago, the Junior Statesmen program now has nearly 15,000 high school students a year participate in school-year and summer programs, representing all 50 states and 30 countries, including the insular areas.

Over the past 19 years, 1,709 insular areas high school students have graduated from a Junior Statesmen Summer School. Of these, 240 truly outstanding students were awarded a Department of the Interior Scholarship. The others were able to raise scholarship funding from their islands' governments, businesses, and community groups.

The Junior Statesmen mission is to strengthen American democracy by educating and preparing high school students for life-long involvement and responsible leadership in a democratic society. ***(JSF)***

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Man pleads guilty to mail fraud

A 38-year-old man facing immigration fraud charges in federal court entered a guilty plea yesterday.

Jesse Mafnas Babauta signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government. He pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud.

The court sealed the plea agreement.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson accepted Babauta's plea and set the sentencing for March 2, 2010, at 9am.

Munson said the defendant shall remain at liberty under the same terms and conditions of release as the court had previously set.

Count one of the indictment stated that on Aug. 25, 2008 and continuing to Oct. 11, 2008, Babauta devised a scheme to defraud Zhi Yuan Li of his money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

The U.S. government charged Babauta with one count of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, two counts of fraud and misuse of immigration documents, and one count of conspiracy to commit offenses.

The U.S. government indicted Babauta for defrauding a Chinese national by promising to get his daughter from Fujian Province, China, to Saipan in exchange for money.

Persons from the Fujian Province cannot lawfully enter the CNMI without advance written permission from the CNMI Office of the Attorney General. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Distribution schedule for foreign investor, foreign student permits

The Department of Commerce said that all umbrella permits that have not been picked up will be distributed on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, beginning at 8:30am to 9pm at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan. The Multi-Purpose Center is located next to the Department of Public Safety in Susupe.

Thus far, only about 61 percent of the approximately 2,000-plus previously issued umbrella permits have been picked up by investors and students. More umbrella permits are expected to be issued tomorrow. Commerce encourages those who have not picked up their permits to do so as Friday, Nov. 27, 2009 is Commerce's last day for umbrella permit distribution.

The following permits will be released by Commerce tomorrow, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Multi-Purpose Center:

■ Foreign investment certificate holders: Immigration category 240G and 706G

■ Long term business certificate holders: Immigration category 240N and 706N.6(A)

■ Foreign retiree: Immigration category 240O and 706O

■ Foreign student: Immigration category 240H, 240R, 706H, and 706R

Umbrella permits for the Immediate Relatives of all Commerce permit holders will be distributed by the Department of Labor.

The Department of Commerce reminds all permit holders that the underlying permit approved by the Department of Commerce must remain in good standing—valid and not expired; otherwise the umbrella permit will be revoked. ***(DOC)***

RELEASE

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the lawsuit, citing the CNMI's failure to prove its case.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reiterated yesterday that he wants to read Friedman's opinion first before deciding what to do next, including whether to appeal the decision.

At least 14 sets of documents are still being requested by Sablan and the Ways and Means Committee from the Office of the Attorney General, in addition to the over 30 pages that the OAG released in August.

Sablan identified these additional documents in a Nov. 19 letter to assistant attorney general Anthony Welch.

"I was told last week and again this [Wednesday] morning by Mr. Welch that these documents are now being prepared for release," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at her office yesterday.

Welch, in a brief phone interview, confirmed that the OAG is "working on what Sablan asked for."

He said it takes time for these documents to be sorted and prepared for release.

Sablan said the contract, engagement letter and/or fee agreement, along with change orders, between the CNMI government and its Washington, D.C.-based law firm, Jenner & Block LLC, are among the 14 specific sets of documents that she and the committee have asked from the OAG.

"There are probably a lot more than what was has been spent since the contract was signed early last year," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Jenner & Block LLP billed the CNMI $395,971.81 between Aug. 26, 2008 and Feb. 27, 2009.

But Sablan said the released billing invoices of close to $400,000 covers only six months, and does not include the prior months when the contract was signed and the months after February this year.

The federal judge handling the federalization lawsuit said he will issue an opinion explaining his decision later this week.

Fitial's special legal counsel, Howard Willens, is traveling to Washington, D.C. this Sunday to consult with Jenner & Block on Monday.

This means the CNMI continues to incur billings as the law firm continues its work.

The CNMI filed a lawsuit against the U.S. government over federalization of the CNMI, asking the U.S. District Court for Washington, D.C. to prevent the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Labor from taking over the local labor system.

Federalization is set to start on Saturday, Nov. 28.

14 sets of documents

Attorney General Ed Buckingham tasked Welch to handle the release of documents to Sablan and the House committee pursuant to an Open Government Act request.

On Nov. 18, Buckingham, Deputy Attorney General Joe Taijeron, Welch, Sablan and Yumul met to discuss the documents requested by the committee. The OAG asked Sablan to identify the specific documents requested.

On Nov. 19, Sablan wrote a two-page letter addressed to Welch identifying the 14 sets of documents, including a copy of the contract, engagement letter and/or fee agreement between the CNMI government and Willens, including any change orders.

In that letter, Sablan said the OAG indicated that the earliest time the requested documents would be provided would be Nov. 25, which was yesterday. OAG needed more time to prepare and release the documents.

Sablan also asked for a copy of summaries and detailed and unredacted billing invoices from Jenner & Block, as well as from Willens, to the CNMI government, from April 1, 2008, to the present.

The lawmaker also asked for a copy of memoranda issued by Fitial to the Department of Finance authorizing any payments made to Jenner & Block and Willens, from April 1, 2008 to the present.

Also requested are copies of wire transfer authorizations from Finance with respect to payments made to Jenner & Block and Willens from April 1, 2008 to the present.

Sablan, who won an Open Government Act lawsuit against the government, also asked for a copy of complete and unredacted fund status reports of all accounts under the Office of the Governor from April 1, 2008 to the present date.

Also being requested is a copy of a full listing and description of all sources of funding for the CNMI government's contract or agreement with Jenner & Block and Willens.

Lastly, Sablan is asking for a copy of a full listing of the departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the CNMI government from which any public funds have been reprogrammed in order to finance the CNMI lawsuit against the federal government.

After the documents are received, Yumul will be calling for a meeting of the members of the House Ways and Means Committee to review the records.

GUNMAN

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ing the shooting at the former shooting range in Kannat Tabla.

The gunman also fired a .410 shotgun in Kannat Tabla, but that Tarkong said he has not seen the report on how many times the weapon was fired.

The Kannat Tabla fatalities were identified as Enrique B. Naputi, 26; Richard Naputi Borja, 22; Korina Deleon Guerrero Naputi, 1; and Vince Larry Rosario II, 5.

Dolores Naputi, who turned 4 years old that day, survived with a gunshot wound on the left chest. She is recovering at the Commonwealth Health Center's Pediatric Ward and is expected to be discharged later this week.

Tarkong said the guns used to kill the victims were a .223 rifle and a .410 shotgun.

It was Kollin Deleon Guerrero, the common-law wife of Enrique Naputi, who reported the shooting to DPS Central Friday at 12:02pm.

Kollin Deleon Guerrero, 26, had just arrived from a store where she bought food in preparation for the birthday celebration of their daughter, Dolores, at their home.

The residence of Kollin Deleon Guerrero and Enrique Naputi is located next to the shooting range. Korina, the 1-year-old fatality, was the couple's other daughter.

Marpi shooting

After the Kannat Tabla shooting, Li drove a white Toyota Previa van toward the Marpi area.

When Li arrived at the Last Command Post, he parked the van on the roadway, then fired 30 rounds from a .223 rifle at a group of Korean tourists who were sightseeing, hitting seven.

Two of the 11 customers of Hana Tour were shot, Tarkong said.

Jae Hyung Park sustained gunshot wounds in the upper torso. He was evacuated to Guam and flown to Korea last Saturday. He is possibly paralyzed from the waist down, according to DPS.

Man Soo Kim was shot in the right arm. He returned to Korea with the rest of his tour group last Sunday.

Three of the four customers of Costa Tour were injured, Tarkong said.

Jung Sik Kim, 38, male, sustained a gunshot wound in the right thigh and right lower buttocks. His wife, Soo Kyung Lee, was not injured.

Joon Hyung Kim, 8, was shot in the right arm, while Seo Yoon Kim, 4, had minor abrasions on the left cheek. Both are children of Jung Kim and Soo Lee.

Tarkong said he has no information about the other injured victims in the Last Command Post shooting.

Suicide

Li then drove the van to Banzai Cliff where he parked at the cliff line, Tarkong said. Li shot two more rounds using a .223 rifle at a group of tourists who were at the Banzai Cliff Monument. No one was hit.

Li tried to destroy his personal identification cards and documents by setting them on fire on the passenger seat of the van.

Li then pointed the .223 rifle under his chin and shot himself. Responding police officers found Li's body near the cliff line. The gunman left several notes at the shooting range.

"The contents of the notes will not be released," Tarkong said.

Police also recovered from the van over 750 rounds of ammunition for a .223 caliber rifle, .410 shotgun, and .22 Magnum.

The gunman had also been identified as Zhong Ren Li and Zhongren Li in other publications but the *Saipan Tribune* chose to identify him based on the CNMI Department of Labor's records and the Chinese manner of using the surname ahead of the first name, in this case, Li Zhong Ren.

TUDELA

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for "bad apples" or those who are involved in criminal activities.

"Both officers are placed on suspension," Tudela said in an interview right after a brief ceremony where Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed a proclamation declaring December 2009 CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month yesterday afternoon on Capital Hill.

Tudela said he had no knowledge of an ongoing investigation or the pending arrest of Leon Guerrero, but was called up when the detective was arrested.

The commissioner, however, said that Leon Guerrero and Agulto are "innocent until proven guilty."

"Those are just allegations so until such time that they're proven guilty, then we can see their exit from the department because I don't need officers like that. Any officer working for the department who is also involved in any criminal activity…they don't mix together. If you're an officer, and you do a criminal activity, that is wrong," Tudela said.

On Monday last week, FBI agents arrested Leon Guerrero for allegedly extorting money from unlicensed Chinese taxi drivers. The U.S. government filed a complaint charging him with interference with commerce by threats or violence/Hobbs Act extortion under color of official right.

According to the FBI, Leon Guerrero used his official position at DPS to demand and receive payments of $300 to $700 from drivers of illegal taxicabs in exchange for dismissing their criminal cases and returning to the drivers their seized vehicles.

Four days later, local police arrested Agulto, a shift supervisor at DPS' patrol section, for allegedly beating up his girlfriend at a night club in western Garapan early Friday morning.

NO BAIL

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being a fugitive in this case.

Munson said there will be no bail at this time, but if proper motion for bail modification is filed, the court will review the matter.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kirk Schuler, on behalf of the U.S. government, opposed bail for Arriola, saying the defendant was already a fugitive for over a year.

The judge remanded Arriola to the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Munson set the jury trial for Jan. 25, 2010, at 9am.

Arriola appeared in court yesterday at 2pm with court-appointed counsel Steven Pixley. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Arriola was wearing a red polo shirt and blue jeans when he entered the courtroom, escorted by a U.S. Court marshal. The defendant appeared fine, but may have lost a little bit of weight.

Arriola arrived on Saipan yesterday morning after the Philippine government deported him.

The U.S. government charged Arriola and former Rita Kaipat estate administrator Luis Pelisamen with wire fraud and money laundering for stealing $625,575 from the estate's account.

Arriola was the counsel of Pelisamen. Arriola fled to the Philippines. Pelisamen was arrested and subsequently found guilty.

In June 2009, a composite team of Philippine law enforcers arrested Arriola in a village in the northern part of the Philippines.

Sports activities, performances mark Education Day

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Departing from the traditional single gathering of all educators on island, public schools held individual revelries in their campuses yesterday to recognize their best mentors and employees as part of Education Day celebrations.

Marianas High School held a pep rally on campus that started at 1:30pm, during which hundreds of students honored Maria Ornes as this year's Teacher of the Year, along with Jordan Bocago, Tita Gabredo, Rosalie Dela Cruz, Cherlyn Cabrera, and Illuminada Bermudes as the recipients of the Teacher Aide, Support Staff, Counselor, and School Administrator of the Year awards. Students held special performances for the honorees.

In Koblerville Elementary School, Teacher of the Year Lynn Mendiola and Support Staff of the Year Antonino Santos were honored with solo and group performances by students during the morning ceremony on campus.

From the usual stage presentations, William S. Reyes Elementary changed their celebration to sports activities such as volleyball and soccer ball. The school's awardees—Dorina Salavaria, Ray Aguon, Josie Mikel, Delfin Lubao, Rebecca Flores, and Lynnette Villagomez—were all challenged by colleagues in sports activities. After the short ceremony on the stage, students were also seen participating in the friendly competition with peers. The celebration started 8:30 through 11am.

Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas, along with his staff and students, offered the whole day for their Education Day awardees: Teacher of the Year Wilma Hofschneider-David, Teacher Aide of the Year Alexander C. Sablan, and Support Staff of the Year Ronald Gabionza, with performances that lasted from 8:15am to 2:45pm.

Similar ceremonies for educational awardees were held in other schools.

San Vicente Elementary School chose to continue instructional sessions in the classroom after an hour of recognition for its best employees of the year.

SVES principal Joaquina DLG. Salas said the school is celebrating November as Career Month and a number of guests visited the classrooms yesterday to talk about their profession.

Besides the employees and students in every school, PTA members and officers were also present for the celebration.

Saipan Tribune learned that Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan visited most schools yesterday.

Nov. 25 was declared a make-up day for all public schools due to the many days of missed classes brought on by typhoons early this year.

From more than 60 nominees for its Education Day awards, PSS expanded the awards categories this year, resulting in more than a hundred nominees for teacher of the year, teacher aide, support staff, counselor, and administrator of the year awards.

PSS is home to more than 10,000 children and about a thousand employees on three islands, including the 516 classroom teachers.

CUC seeking $7.6M funding for its cleanup of waste oil

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is asking the government for about $7.6 million so it could address the worsening problem of waste oil in its power plants.

CUC assistant executive director Abe Utu Malae told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the agency had already submitted a funding request to the governor for this purpose.

If the money is made available, Malae said, CUC is confident the oil cleanup will be completed by 2012.

"It's a two-year project… and the [target is] January 2012," he said.

Part of the funding request will be used to replace pipelines and tanks to comply with federal requirements.

Malae said the oil cleanup at Lower Base's Power Plant 1 and 2 is a top priority because the problem has been in existence for years.

"The cleanup of oil at the power plants will continue. This is the toughest assignment at the plant because of the nature of waste oil that has accumulated over the years," Malae said.

The plants' oily water system is now being cleaned out and will be re-engineered and operated correctly, he said.

CUC is also working on other important projects at the power plants.

At Power Plant 1, Malae said they are working on the foundation repairs and bolt replacements on engines 8 and 1. Engine 8, which produces 8 megawatts, is offline but Engine 1 is still online. Engine 1 is designed to produce 5 MW.

Malae said the work is being done by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Another important project is the overhaul of Engine 5, which is targeted for completion on Dec. 15. Once done, 8 MW will be available from this engine.

"We have to coordinate this on a tight schedule due to the work on Engine 8 and Engine 1," Malae said.

Malae said all repair work is on schedule. "They are coming along as scheduled for the completion date of Christmas Day," he said.

Saipan has three power plants, with 21 engines. Of these engines, five units were nonfunctional and need major repair and rehabilitation.

However, CUC assured that it has more than enough reserve for the island's power needs. The three power plants are currently producing 53.2 MW. The peak load for the year is 42 MW, which means a reserve of 11 MW. Power Plant 1 produces the biggest amount of power at 37.0 MW.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
November 18, 2009

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to that certain **Writ of Execution on Personal Property** by the **CNMI Superior Court in Civil Action No. 04-0588C**, the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA"), **together with assistance of the CNMI Department of Public Safety**, shall auction off to the highest bidder **assets of Westpac Freight including furniture, fixtures, trucks and various other items.**

An inventory listing may be obtained at CDA Office, Gualo Rai or on our website at www.cda.gov.mp.

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. The items are being sold **"AS IS"** and **"WHERE IS"**;
2. The items are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;
3. The public auction will be held at the **Westpac Freight Parking Lot, Lower Base, Saipan on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**;
4. Terms of the sale are cash, certified check, or credit card (Visa & Mastercard); and
5. CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

Full payment of the bid amount is required before the property can be removed from site. Payment must be received before end of business day, 4:30 p.m. Monday, November 30, 2009. Failure to make full payment will cause award to be null and void.

CDA is attempting to collect a debt and any payments received will be used for that purpose. Any interested party or person may contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager, CDA at 234-7145 for further information or to inspect the items. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

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Delta's in-flight magazine SKY to feature Saipan

The Marianas Visitors Authority recently hosted two media personnel from Delta Airline's in-flight magazine *SKY* to gather information and photos about tourist attractions on Saipan. From Nov. 10-13, 2009, the two media specialists visited a number of Saipan's points of interest. Their photos and accompanying article will tell a compelling story about the attractions of Saipan when the island is featured in the January/February 2010 issue.

SKY, Delta's in-flight magazine, is seen by 520,000 readers each issue. Published bi-monthly, it is a full color publication which introduces new destinations to Delta's world travelers. The magazine also carries articles of general information to travelers. Japanese- speaking Delta Airlines passengers departing from Japan are the targeted market segment for the magazine. It is anticipated that the article on Saipan will cover five full pages, with an estimated total ad value of $65,000.

Based on the magazine's request, the MVA developed a full schedule for the crew and escorted them to a variety of locations. The journalists spent time on Managaha Island and also shot footage of windsurfers at Micro Beach. Later in the afternoon the crew visited the Saipan Botanical Garden, as well as the Saipan Beach Road Pathway, which follows a tree-shaded route along the island's western lagoon.

The next day the crew toured Forbidden Island and also shot footage at LaoLao Bay Golf Resort and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. The photographers were fortunate to be visiting Saipan on a Thursday and were able to enjoy and record the activities at the weekly Garapan Street Market.

Both the photographer and the editor expressed interest in coming back to the Northern Marianas to experience the other vacation islands of Tinian and Rota.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce the Northern Mariana Islands to a large number of potential visitors," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "The story's photos and accompanying article will widely broadcast the attractions of Saipan and emphasize the short travel time.

"This magazine, and the article about Saipan, will be seen by hundreds of thousands of travelers when the island is featured in the upcoming issue," Tenorio added. ***(MVA)***

NMC hosts livestock healthcare workshop on Tinian

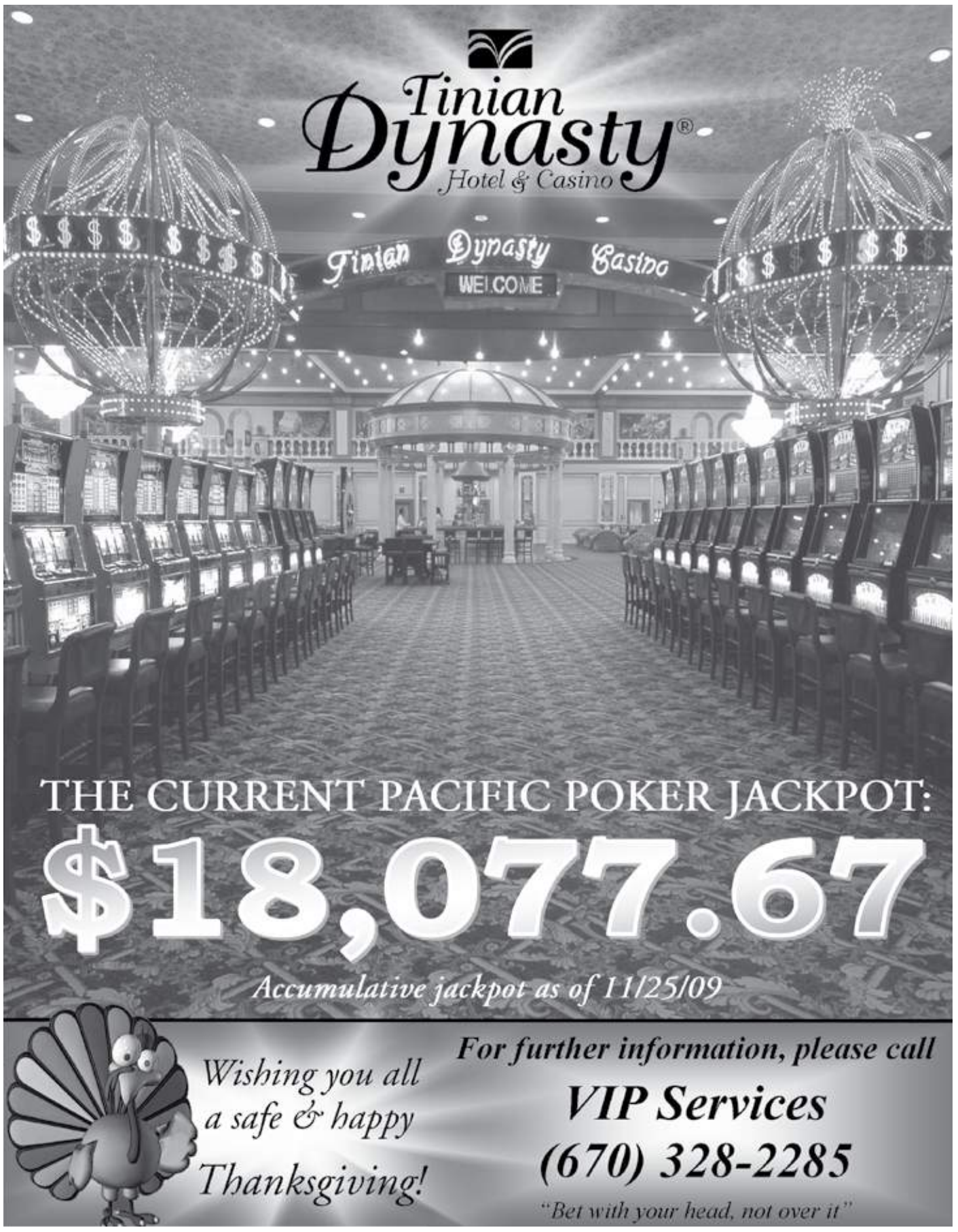
The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a workshop focused on Alternative Herbal Medicine for Livestock Healthcare in the Western Pacific. The workshop is set to take place on Monday, November 30, 2009, at the NMC Tinian Instructional Site from 9:00am to 4:30pm on both days.

Local animal healthcare professionals, agriculture extension personnel, and local farmers and ranchers are highly encouraged to attend. There is no fee to attend the workshop, but seating is limited.

The Alternative Herbal Medicine for Livestock Healthcare in the Western Pacific workshops will cover a variety of topics, including the current CNMI animal health status, and alternative resources for feed processing. The workshops will consist of lectures, demonstrations, field days, and consultations lead by staff of the NMC Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service and other experts from various organizations.

To register or for more information, contact Rose Lazaro at 433-9236 or Dr. Allen Sabaldica at 433-2576.

Funding for this workshop was provided through a grant from the Western Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education. ***(NMC)***



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AAFES sets Black Friday sale

The Army Air Force Exchange Store will have their first ever after Thanksgiving Sale or Black Friday at the Army Reserve Center on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, Starting at 8am until 6pm. Only Military ID cardholders are authorized to enter and buy. No ID, no entry. For more information or questions, call the Military/Veterans Affairs Office at 664-2605.

Korean language classes at NMC

The Korean Cultural Center's Korean Language School is providing free Korean language classes at the Northern Marianas College as a program of CDI from Nov. 27 to Dec. 18. The school also seeks comments and advice from the public for the next session. The new session will be a basic Korean language program. Don't hesitate and send your free opinion and answers to the following questions. (1) What time is the best time for you to join NMC's Korean language program? (2) What day do you think is good? (3) What content do you want to learn in Korean language? Contact Daniel Huh at 285-2221 or e-mail korean2221@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

MCS Theatre Club presents musical

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club presents a musical adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale,* featuring musical performances from the award-winning Saipan Southern High School Manta Band and The Wise Men.

Performances will be held at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa and will start with a dinner show on Friday, Dec. 4, with dinner at 6pm and the performance at 7pm. Cost is $35. Regular show is on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7pm. Cost is just $5.

Tickets are available from cast and crew members or at the Mount Carmel School Business Office. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit http://mcstheatreclub.blogspot.com. ***(PR)***

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, December 03, 2009 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Bldg., Saipan

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications

B. Election of Officers – ZB Reg. 165-301.030 (a)

C. Reports
1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

D. Public Comments

E. Permits/ Applications/ Rezones: review and decide.
1. Map 23, from VR to VC: TR# 22559-1, -2, -3-1, -3-R1, -4; 21712NEW-R1, -1 (As Terlaje)
2. Map 26, from VR to VC: Lot# 045 I 03; 022 K 02, 04, 05, 06; part of public land 57-3

F. Old Business. None.

G. New Business.
1. Proposed amendments to Saipan Zoning Law of 2008
   a. Proposed amendment to allow for Conditional Commercial uses in VR zones (presentation; no action)
   b. Update on proposed amendments to the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law (Presentation; no action)

H. Executive (Closed) Session - Consult with Legal Counsel regarding pending or anticipated legal matters

I. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Victor Barrett, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).
/s/ Henry Hofschneider, Chairman

Application deadline nears for crop loss aid program

MAITE, Guam—Tom Camacho, county executive director, reminds producers in Guam and the CNMI the deadline is Dec. 1 for the Non-Insured Assistance Program coverage on 2010 fruit and vegetable crops.

The NAP program is designed to cover losses due to damaging tropical storms and typhoons.

The program covers losses in excess of a 50 percent loss of normal yields or the farms yield calculated using actual production history. Payments for production lost in excess of the 50 percent are paid at 55 percent of the values established for the crop. The administrative fee per policy is $250/crop/producer with a $750 cap per county.

NAP coverage does not begin until 30 days after one's application is filed and the administrative fee has been paid. The administrative fee is non refundable.

Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees. Limited resource producer status can be determined using the USDA Limited Resource Farmer and Rancher Online Self Determination Tool at http://www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/tool.asp. The automated system calculates and displays adjusted gross farm sales per year and the higher of the national poverty level or county median household income.

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"Producers interested in obtaining NAP on their 2010 non-insurable crop acreage should contact their local USDA Service Center before December 1st to complete an application," said Camacho. "In addition, producers who need assistance in determining if they qualify for the Limited Resource Producer waiver should contact the USDA Service Center as well."

"Producers who have NAP coverage currently or who are interested in coverage need to keep accurate records of their production, report acreage of the crops to the Farm Service Agency annually, and promptly notify FSA when ever losses occur," said Camacho. "A report of the actual yield is key in maintaining a yield that reflects their capability."

This deadline date also applies to persons who have a 2009 policy that expires on Dec. 31 and want to renew their coverage for the same crops in 2010.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to obtain NAP coverage or for additional information on the NAP before the Dec. 1, 2009 deadline.

For more information about disaster programs implemented by FSA, visit: http://www.fsa.usda.gov. ***(USDA)***

DCCA opens applications for child care program on Tinian

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs will be distributing applications for Child Care and Development Fund (child care program) for the island of Tinian only.

Applications may be picked from the Tinian DCCA between Dec. 2, 2009, and Dec. 7, 2009, from 8am to 4pm. Last day to turn in completed applications with required documents will be on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at 4pm.

Application forms are limited and are released on a first come, first served basis. When the applications are out, the program will immediately close its issuance of applications. For this opening, only 100 applications will be released.

Applications that were released in the previous openings are no longer valid and will not be accepted.

For more information, call the Tinian DCCA at 433-9330. ***(PR)***

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- A copy of Identification Card for each parent or guardian (Passport, CNMI driver's license, Mayor's ID Card or entry permit)
- A copy of your most recent 1040 Tax (each parent or guardian)

Residency: The applicant or guardian must be living in the CNMI

Provide one of the following documents

- House Rental/ Mortgage
- Utility Receipt
- Telephone Receipt
- Entry Permit
- Employment verification
- Child support statement/stub
- Training/Education Verification and class schedules
- If single parent/guardian in a household provide notarized affidavit

Child/Children Household member:

- A copy of Birth Certificate for each child (Child must be a US citizen or a qualified alien, as defined in Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA)
- A copy of US Passport
- A copy of Social Security Card

KUNMING TV

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Writers and photographers of the Chinese Kunming Tourist TV Channel at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino during their visit to the Northern Mariana Islands earlier this week. The crew visited Tinian and Saipan to produce a documentary on the islands for airing in early December.

CONGRATULATIONS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Congratulations to Pvt. Roman Salas Seman, for completing his Advanced Individual Training on Nov. 12, 2009, in Gulf Port, Mississippi. His military occupation specialty is civil engineering. He is the son of Ray and Juanita S Seman, currently residing in Guam. Congratulation on your achievement and God bless! Greetings from the *familias*.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 14th birthday to our baby girl, Nikki Marie C. Santos. May you have a wonderful day! You mean the world to us and we love you always. Greetings come from mom Pauline and dad Jeff.

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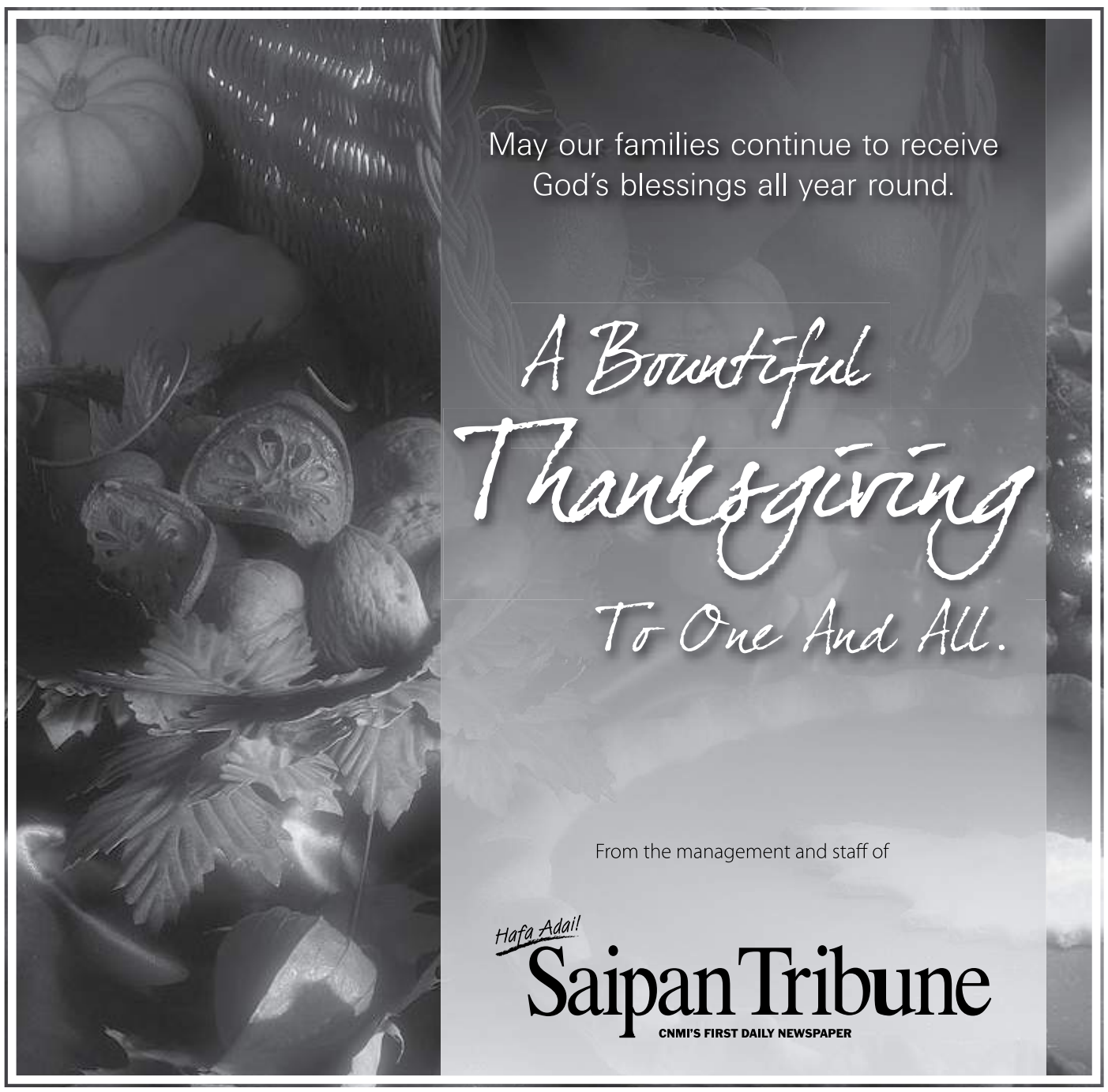
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 26, 1998

Deficit rises to $53M

CNMI's cumulative deficit almost doubled to approximately $53 million in FY 1997 compared to the previous fiscal year, and Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio feared this could lead to a financial collapse of the government. The figure reflects an increase of $21 million in deficit incurred by the previous administration in FY 1996 at $32 million under former governor Froilan C. Tenorio. According to the incumbent governor, the amount was based on the independent single financial audit of Deloitte&Touche which is now under review by the Office of the Public Auditor.

Reyes slams Benavente for 'shaky knees'

Senate Floor leader Pete P. Reyes yesterday accused House Speaker Diego T. Benavente of bowing to federal pressure over his insistence to limit operations of the garment industry in the Northern Marianas in the wake of worsening economic crisis on the island. "We have to take care of our own problem. They (federal officials) don't care about us... If we die, they will just watch us," the senator told reporters in an interview. Reyes was reacting to a statement from the House speaker warning of federal takeover of local immigration and labor control should the Senate pass a legislation that will cap foreign work force in the garment sector and allow what he considers hiring of 600 additional employees.

Nov. 26, 1999

PDO fears crackdown on FAS citizens

The Public Defender's Office has assailed what it said start of deportation proceedings by the Department of Labor and Immigration against citizens of Micronesia and the Freely Associated States. According to Robert T. Torres, assistant public defender, DOLI officers acted in bad faith when they convinced his client in a criminal case, Steve Anson, to sign a stipulated deportation agreement based on prior convictions for two misdemeanors while detained at the Division of Corrections. Torres said he was not even informed by DOLI officers of the stipulation nor was he even provided a copy of the agreement which was filed in Superior Court and signed by Associate Judge Timothy H. Bellas.

NMIRF slashes rental rates to attract tenants

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund will lower the rental fee of its office space to a more reasonable rate to attract government offices to transfer in the three-story building. According to NMIRF Administrator Juan S. Torres, the board has given him the go signal to negotiate for a rate lower than the original price of $1.65 per sq. ft. The second and third floors of the building have been designed for lease so that the agency can recoup the $3.5 million it spent for construction. But the lease rates have discouraged many government offices from moving to the Retirement Fund building especially with the reduction in their budget.

Nov. 26, 2001

Salary hike for govt workers suspended

Declining revenues prompted the Civil Service Commission to suspend certain mandatory salary increases for government employees, as part of the austerity measure implemented by the administration of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio. Saying that the situation calls for an emergency, the Commission has come up with a rule that suspended provisions in the Personnel Service System Rules pertaining to mandatory salary increases. The measure covers civil servants in different CNMI government agencies, including the Department of Labor and Immigration, which circulated a memorandum to its offices last week in connection with the emergency rule.

NMI included in Feds' $100M tourism promotional package

A $100-million promotional grant for tourism may soon be made available to all states and territories of the United States, including the CNMI, as an added stimulus to an industry that is seeing all-time lows due to the 9/11 tragedy. A bill has been introduced at the US House of Representatives that seeks to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to issue grants to states and territories to be used for advertising that stimulates economic activity by promoting travel and tourism. House Resolution 3321, which was introduced by Rep. Mark Foley, has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Majority of lawmakers have already expressed support for the measure and have promised to expedite its passage into law.

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More than more troops

No wonder it's taking President Obama so long to make up his mind on Afghanistan. The more we examine his options, the less we like any of them. The costs keep going up even as the definition of success is scaled back. Obama already has rejected an immediate withdrawal, for fear of emboldening Taliban insurgents to take power in Kabul and of destabilizing neighboring Pakistan—concerns we share. But we're also skeptical that staying put or increasing troop levels will have the desired opposite effect. Indeed, even proponents of a modest-to-substantial military buildup couch their projections in cautious terms.

Eight years and $240 billion into the war in Afghanistan, with more than 900 U.S. military deaths so far, many Americans are asking fundamental questions about goals and strategy. What are U.S. forces still doing there, particularly after al-Qaida largely has moved its operations to safer terrain in Pakistan? How can the U.S. back the inept government of President Hamid Karzai, whose legitimacy was further undermined by his fraud-tainted re-election? How long will our engagement last, at what price and to what end? Finally, how do we get out? These are the right questions, and Obama owes the country clear answers.

After weeks of deliberation and consultations, Obama has said he will soon announce his strategy for how to move forward in Afghanistan. The options before him run the gamut. At one end, it is argued that the United States does not have sufficient troops and treasure -- much less the tenacity -- to defeat the indigenous Taliban, and therefore should dramatically reduce the 70,000 U.S. troops now there. At the other end of the spectrum, Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal has requested up to 40,000 additional troops for an aggressive counterinsurgency campaign to fulfill Obama's aim, laid out in March, to "disrupt, defeat and dismantle al-Qaida in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Obama appears to be leaning toward a mid-level increase of perhaps 25,000 troops, phased in over time as the Karzai government meets specific benchmarks for developing the Afghan army, improving governance and curbing corruption—prerequisites for an eventual drawdown of international troops. Karzai must be pressed to expand his circle of power to include his political and ethnic competitors, and to invest in their regions. He also must be supported in efforts to reconcile with combatants, their commanders and tribal leaders whose grievances with the government have sent them to the Taliban for support. Karzai must be held accountable if the United States is to avoid a quagmire.

Success will take a long time and a strong commitment. And even if the administration does everything right, it may not succeed in staving off a Taliban government or stabilizing the region. But if the administration pursues the war at the expense of political engagement and economic development, then it surely will fail.

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Immigration reform, again

By JEFFREY KAYE
Special to the Los Angeles Times

Kaye is a journalist and the author of Moving Millions: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration, to be published in April 2010.

If any one person embodies the complex politics of immigration reform, it is Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

As governor of Arizona in 2007, she signed one of the nation's toughest state immigration laws, the Legal Arizona Workers Act, which imposed harsh penalties on businesses that knowingly employed undocumented workers.

Now, as the nation's top immigration official, she will be asked to weigh in on a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of that law. The case comes before the U.S. Supreme Court as Washington once again revives efforts to overhaul the nation's immigration laws.

At the time she signed the bill, Napolitano, citing the failure of congressional leaders to take action, insisted that "states like Arizona have no choice but to take strong action to discourage the flow of illegal immigration."

Under the law, businesses that willfully hire illegal immigrants can be shut down temporarily or, for a second offense, completely—a "business death penalty," as Napolitano called it.

"Arizona has taken the most aggressive action in the country against employers who knowingly or intentionally hire undocumented workers," she wrote.

The measure was one of hundreds of immigration laws passed across the United States, largely as a reaction to the stalemate over the issue in Washington.

The Arizona statute came under immediate attack from disparate groups rarely found on the same side of the table. Legal briefs opposing the law were filed by farmers, contractors and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, as well as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The opponents' key legal argument has been that immigration policy should be set by the federal government, not by state and local jurisdictions.

Now that she's exchanged her state hat for a federal one, it will not be surprising if Napolitano opposes the measure she made law. As a governor who grappled politically and fiscally with the consequences of a massive influx of illegal immigrants, she asserted the authority of her state. But that was then. Now, as the Obama administration's point person on the issue, Napolitano is likely to reflect the position her boss took as a candidate, supporting "comprehensive immigration reform so local communities do not continue to take matters into their own hands."

Napolitano's attitudes toward immigration have hardened over the years. First elected governor in 2002 with support from the Latino electorate, she opposed a 2004 Arizona ballot measure that sought to bar illegal immigrants from receiving some public social services. The following year, voicing skepticism about the effectiveness of Bush administration plans to improve fences at the border, she famously proclaimed, "You show me a 50-foot wall, and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder."

However, since becoming chief of Department of Homeland Security, the agency responsible for the border fence, she has promised to complete the unfinished portions and has stepped up immigration audits of employers.

Similarly, as officials from Napolitano's agency and the White House work with bipartisan congressional staff to prepare immigration bills that most likely will be introduced in December and January, the consistent theme has been toughness.

Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., who as chairman of the Senate's immigration subcommittee will take a lead role in drafting legislation, has said that a bipartisan immigration bill is doomed "if my colleagues on the other side of the aisle do not believe that Democrats are serious about enforcement." Schumer even denounced use of the term "undocumented workers," suggesting that it conveys legitimacy and signals that the government "is not serious about combating illegal immigration."

In a speech in November laying out the need for reform, Napolitano emphasized a "three-legged stool" approach -- regulating the flow of immigrants, dealing with those who are already here, but beginning, she said, with "fair, reliable enforcement."

Immigration reform advocates trying to build momentum to produce a new law point to favorable poll results on immigration and a desire by both parties to be responsive to Latino voters. But proponents will face stiff obstacles, particularly if a bill includes provisions for what business lobbyists call "future flow" -- allowing employers to bring in foreign workers. Unions worry that without safeguards, imported labor will displace American workers.

The larger stumbling block will be the "tough and fair pathway to earned legal status," as Napolitano put it. It was the legalization aspect of her speech that garnered most news media attention, even though it basically restated President Barack Obama's campaign pledge to bring "the millions of illegal immigrants in this country out of the shadows ... (by meeting) a number of requirements -- including registering, paying a fine, passing a criminal background check, fully paying all taxes and learning English."

History shows that anti-immigrant sentiment is generally highest during economic downturns, and groups favoring immigration restrictions, such as the Federation for American Immigration Reform, or FAIR, are already citing high U.S. unemployment as a reason to oppose immigration bills.

FAIR is joining with the "tea party" crowd that emerged during the health care debate, a loud and angry coalition that will be unswayed by the efforts of Napolitano, the Obama administration and their congressional allies to decorate immigration reform packages with law-and-order ribbons.

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Black Friday

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Special to the Tribune

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The day after Thanksgiving officially opens the Christmas shopping season and has traditionally been known as Black Friday. The Philadelphia police department first coined the term in 1965 because of the problems caused by massive traffic jams and crowds that mobbed the stores to take advantage of retail sales.

For Saipan residents, November 20th marks the Black Friday when a crazed gunman went on a shooting spree that left four killed and eight wounded. What is especially difficult to understand in this macabre act of violence is why innocent little children were included in his attacks. When news of the children's ages were revealed, our thoughts instantly turned to our 4- and 5-year-old son and daughter. It is difficult to imagine the grief that the parents and family are going through at this time.

Many are still in shock that something like this could happen on this peaceful resort island. Even though war marred the landscape and left the blood of thousands on its beaches and soil over six decades ago, there has never been another incident to compare with last Friday.

War, terrorism, and senseless acts of violence leave suffering in its wake. Violence begets more violence; hatred breeds more hatred, and the pattern rarely ends with each side coming to terms with their losses. One only need look at the fighting that has continued for decades in some parts of the world, with only temporary moments of calm before the hostility resumes its vicious cycle. The war on terror that started over eight years ago offers no treaty of peace, or hope for an ending.

Violence has become commonplace in the world. Even places considered safe have fallen to acts of terrorism when an Army psychologist opened fire on unarmed military personnel, killing 13 and wounding 30 others at Fort Hood in Texas. Just recently, 100 gunmen attacked a convoy in the southern provinces in the Philippines and killed 46 people. Jesus Dureza, an adviser to President Arroyo, called the deaths "a gruesome massacre of civilians unequaled in recent history."

Rather than turn to more violence against others sharing the same nationality or beliefs of the Saipan killer, it will give an opportunity for the community to embrace the victims and their families and share the spirit of harmony that has existed here before Black Friday.

In 2006, when a milk truck driver brutally murdered five Amish schoolgirls and wounded five others, the media were quickly on the scene asking what the tight knit Amish community would do. The pain of the families and community was unfathomable, but they chose to respond to violence with peace and forgiveness. On the day of the murders, a grandfather of one of the victims warned some young relatives to not hate the killer.

The media and world were shocked when the Amish community reached out to the widow, parents, and parents-in-law. One Amish man held the sobbing father of the shooter in his arms for as long as an hour to comfort him. The widow later wrote a letter to thank her Amish neighbors for their forgiveness, grace, and mercy, saying: "Your compassion has reached beyond our family, beyond our community, and is changing our world, and for this we sincerely thank you."

The community gathering at American Memorial Park the Sunday after the shooting offered a chance for people of different backgrounds and beliefs to come together and listen to words and songs of peace and comfort. The next few weeks will allow individuals and families to share their sorrow and compassion with victims and their families. Through this tragedy, the community will have a chance to help heal the psychological wounds, even though the memory may never fade.

This Thanksgiving, as we remember the things we have to be thankful for, we should also pause and say a prayer for the victims and their families. Only love and forgiveness can change the world and make it a better place to live.

Turkeys to Trot@Thanksgiving

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Tribune

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Turkey on our dining tables today is a mark of a remarkable marketing success that placed this scavenging bird into the American diet. Among the commercially grown poultry products in the market, the turkey has come to symbolize a wide spectrum of meanings, including being a term of endearment, to being a forgiven creature for just being what it is (annual White House pardon), to being the butt of jokes, derisions, criticisms, as well as sympathies in common usage.

The bird is a native of Norte America (north of Ecuador all the way to Canada). A self-reliant, low maintenance scavenging range bird called "criollo" in Mexico, it is a natural forager; can be kept around a dwelling as a predatory pest repellant. Domesticated in Central America among the Olmecs and the Pueblo Indians in the Southwest, it was exported to Europe after the New World got into the purview of imperial Europe. Later, the British sent it back to Canada where they were interbred with the wild variety and commercially raised. Its familiar glazed and browned back now graces and juices our dinner tables on Thanksgiving Day, compliments of the storytelling of Mayflower *taotao tasis* surviving their first harsh winter as *taotao tanos* in the New England region of the New World.

Ironically, improved industrial turkeys like those on our tables are obese and have to be artificially inseminated to reproduce; something about the leg getting deformed for carrying too much weight to be able to copulate naturally. This might be instructive to those who promote chemically induced production of livestock and other food items! Might even apply to those who rely on substance-stimulated high to enhance their consenting adult skills!

Enough of the bird and their habits. How about our other turkeys? The temporary contract workers or out-of-status temps on island, and most especially the overstaying visitors, have been fair game in the "umbrella permit" immigration and labor lines in San Antonio these days preceding the federal takeover past Nov. 28. Those functions that used to regulate or confuse employment arrangements will soon be replaced by equally confused but more stringent ones, if the takeover process is any indication. Turkeys, if your name is already on the Orders in the Web site, don't bother lining up for the printed permit, worry about the physical permit later. Can do?

We do not mean to lessen the depth of despair and desperation attendant to the current conditions of foreigners who number more than native residents and legal citizens in the Commonwealth, but if the rampage of the shooting range caretaker is any thermometer, the social implosion and the communal dark night of the soul has just begun. Not to be too skeptical, but it is not unreasonable to expect that there will not be as many candles lit as there are curses uttered on the darkness! Lawyers: Is it so unreasonable to treat anyone who ever had a status on island legally covered by the umbrella? If possession, on a disputed item, is 9/10 of the law, why can't presence on island be treated as 9/10 legal status? Can do?

The recently concluded gubernatorial runoff election reminded me of this posting that a colleague from UK recently sent. The question is in an educational assessment item given in a universal exam for middle schoolers. *Question*: In a democratic society, how important are elections? *Answer*: Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election. With apologies to Senator Frica and shadow Senator Tina for bending so low as to include this male chauvinistic joke in this reflection, we do wish to highlight the actual relevance or irrelevance of the last election mandate to the reality prevailing in our islands' existence, set alongside the anguish of the actual choices we have to make on a daily basis. (We mention in passing the cowardly turkeys who posed, preened, and poised prior to the runoff election to display their antiquated brand of political posturing under the cover of "paid for by …" Let us hope they will soon be an extinct specie!)

Unemployed since March, I have gotten to telling friends that I will not turn down their invitation to lunch (hint, hint!). Can't ignore the dire straits my neighbors are going through, even learning to adopt to the guys who ripped off my laptops, and our sense of helplessness for not having the adequate system to stem and prosecute such crimes.

But the more important turkeys @ Thanksgiving are those usually trotted by our Public Schools in the annual carnival-flavored Education Day fest, which our COE decided to forego this year given the missed days of instructions occasioned by the typhoons.

Versatile turkeys tolerate dry, hot, or cold climates and forage farther than chickens. They are large, meaty, fast growing, highly marketable, low in fat, and tasty.

In this sense, I do not hesitate to make the analogy of the survival and effectivity skills of our teachers. OK, we'll leave off "tasty" but having been once a ToY awardee at my school, I can testify to the resiliency of many teachers given the dearth of resources (materials, equipment and supplies), and the broody and oppressive, mostly senseless requirements and assessment measures imposed on the lowly overworked underpaid teacher. Some of these denizens of the chalkboard and newsprints are being paid substitute teacher's rate while holding fulltime classroom responsibilities.

Craig Garrison of Southern High recently reminded us of the antiquated use of "seat time" as a measure of gauging the efficiency of pedagogical input into our educational curriculum (translation: we count times spent in classrooms more than the ability of our students to reflect on their learning experience). Following up on that thought, when a typhoon suspends classes, we might get the students to reflect through writing or talking, painting or singing, dancing or miming, their experiences of the event, plug that into existing class courses, and count it as part of the learning experience with equivalent credit on seat time. Makeup days would then not be necessary. Can do?

Some tables will have Tur-Du-Chen today, which is a dish combining a turkey, duck and chicken. In these days of cloning and genetic experimentation, might we have a gifted student work on creating a turduchen bird itself the same way a Japanese student once tried raising square watermelons. That way, next year I can title this reflection a "Turduchen trotted@Thanksgiving." Can do?

Hungry vs. 'food insecure'

By CHARLES LANE
THE WASHINGTON POST

This week an Agriculture Department study showed that 16.4 million U.S. households containing 49.1 million people experienced "food insecurity" in 2008, up from 12.2 million households containing 36.2 million people in 2007. Fortunately, Congress has already addressed some of the problem with a significant food-stamp boost in the stimulus package adopted in February.

But is "hunger" widespread in America? Headlines about the study ("49 Million Americans report a lack of food," declared The New York Times) implied that famine stalks the land. The stories were salted with terms such as "alarming" and "dramatic." The data, however, don't support this dire portrayal.

The USDA report is based on a survey of 44,000 households. They were asked whether, and how, a lack of funds affected their eating habits. The first question was whether the respondent had ever "worried" about running out of food in the previous 12 months — not actually run out of food, just worried about it. A "yes" answer counts as "food insecurity." Adults were asked if they ever lost weight due to a lack of food money — but not how much weight or what they weighed before. In theory, a 300-pound man who lost a pound could count as "food-insecure." The least severe forms of "insecurity" were the most commonly reported. "Worry," with 19.7 percent of households, topped the list, followed by running out of food before money came in to buy more (15.3 percent). In neither instance did respondents actually eat less than usual.

Only about a third of the 16.4 million "food-insecure" households reported that any member experienced even a brief reduction in actual food consumption. Only 0.1 percent of children went without food for a whole day in 2008. This was actually down from 0.2 percent in 2007.

Is it "alarming" that 99.9 percent of American children ate at least something every day despite the worst economic downturn since the Depression? Or is it a tribute to American abundance, and to the safety net, public and private?

In fact, 2008 was the best year in eight decades for food affordability, according to the USDA. It took 5.6 percent of income to feed an average family of four. Food is so readily available that, on the very day that the USDA issued its report, health policy expert Kenneth Thorpe of Emory University in Atlanta reported that, if present trends continue, 43 percent of Americans will be obese by 2018.

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The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers. Southeast winds 20 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲84	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼81
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼79

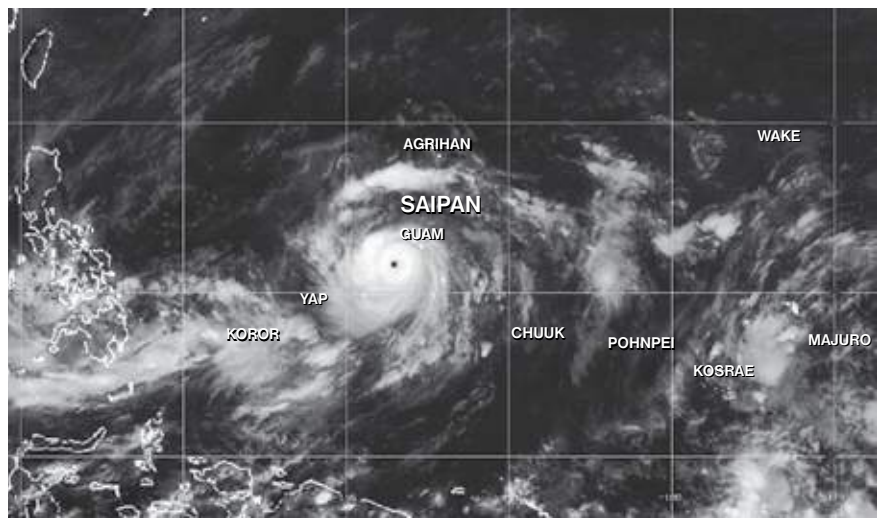
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Sunny	▲68	▼59
Beijing	Sunny	▲47	▼26
Hong Kong	Showers	▲75	▼68
Honolulu	Showers	▲80	▼73
London	Showers	▲50	▼41
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82	▼52
Manila	Cloudy	▲84	▼75
Melbourne	Thundershowers	▲83	▼65
Miami	Showers	▲80	▼59
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲55	▼45
Osaka	Sunny	▲63	▼47
Paris	Rain	▲48	▼41
Pusan	Sunny	▲61	▼40
Rome	Cloudy	▲63	▼52
Salem	Rain	▲53	▼42
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲61	▼49
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲46	▼25
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲60	▼47
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲58	▼40

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
1:37 AM Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet
8:03 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
3:00 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:52 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Nida (26W) is centered 190 miles south-southwest of Guam at 11N143E and moving northwest about 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 110 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are within 100 miles of the center. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms extend up to 300 miles from the center around the western semicircle and up to 150 miles from the center around the eastern semicircle. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are also within 40 miles of a line from 15N142E to 16N144E. For more information on Typhoon Nida. See bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Eather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends eastward from 8N130E to Typhoon Nida at 11N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau are in an area from 10N130E to 7N139E to 1N137E back to 10N130E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of the Marianas within 100 miles of a line from 17N157E to 11N157E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Kosrae, Kwajalein and Majuro between the equator and 10N from 162E to 174E and across the date line east of a line from 8N178E to 4N178E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:26 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:26 AM	5:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:05 PM	12:39 AM
Friday	1:41 PM	1:26 AM
Saturday	2:19 PM	2:15 AM
Sunday	3:00 PM	3:07 AM
Monday	3:46 PM	4:02 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving Day?

"I am thankful for our dedicated PSS staff, our awesome students, their supportive and involved parents, and highly engaged colleagues! Personally thankful for God's blessings this year, another year with David, Matt, and Winona and their love for me, no matter what day my day wa—and they all know how challenging I can be sometimes."

—Lucy Blanco-Maratita, Board of Education chair

"There are many things to be thankful for; I thank God for my family, my friends and my relatives. I am thankful for being in existence and never take for granted the life, love and happiness that have been bestowed upon me. I am just thankful to everything and everyone around me, whether they make a difference or are indifferent. Wishing everyone a happy and blessed thanksgiving. And a Happy Thanksgiving to my CPA family."

—MaryAnn Q. Lizama, Saipan seaport manager

"I am thankful to the special friendship I have with my best friends Che Barredo, Joan Marquez, and Reyman Corotan; my group Tropang Lakas for all the good times and for my other friends who continue to guide and inspire me everyday. Happy Thanksgiving to you guys!"

—Doll Carranza, employee, Kannat Tabla Village

"Thanksgiving is the time to count one's blessings. Today I had two Thanksgiving meals at work for which I feel abundantly blessed. Happy Thanksgiving to all."

—Abe Utu Malae, CUC assistant executive director

"Happy Thanksgiving! I am thankful for great health for me and my friends here on Saipan. And of course, I am thankful for all those great friends!"

—Suzy Kindel, athlete

"I am extremely thankful for a healthy body, a great wife and family, and the oppurtunity to live in Paradise."

—Kurt Barnes, athletics president

"The hardest thing this year for my family was living without my father, who passed away in October last year. I'm thankful that he lived to the very end happy and fulfilled. I'm also tremendously grateful for my mother, whose health is improving, and for being a reminder of the most important things in life. Finally, I'm thankful every day that I have a career that I love very much that brings me great joy and challenges."

—Janet King, lawyer

"I am thankful of many things, my MMA academy, my awesome sponsors for my Trench Warz promotions and events, but most importantly for my beautiful family—my wife, Mariana, our three children, Alverick, Shane, and Shaniah and our grand daughter Aldene Jayh. They are the best support team. They inspire me to succeed in everything I do in life whether it's personal or professional."

—Cuki Alvarez, Trench Tech president

"I thank the Lord for my entire family (immediate and extended) here in the Northern Marianas and everywhere else in the world; for my health that I may live a long and good life, and for His many blessings. "Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts." (Psalm 106:1).

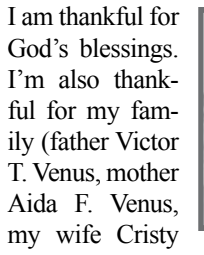
—Gabriel White, FIBA International referee

This Thanksgiving, like every year, I'm grateful and thankful for all the people in my life. My family, my kids, my parents, my friends, and even my coworkers. It can be depressing at times with uncertainties and worries that we all face each day. But for me, it is because of all this God's gifted people that keeps me going. So thanks to everyone that I know and are close to me.

—James Lee, NTT Docomo Pacific

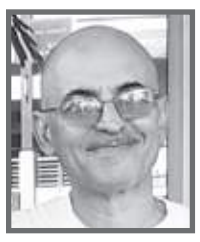
I would like to thank the Lord, our God for all the wonderful things He has given us this year. No matter what our challenges are daily, we take it as an opportunity to be a better and stronger person. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

—Vicente "Ben" Babauta, DFS Saipan, Limited



I am thankful for God's blessings. I'm also thankful for my family (father Victor T. Venus, mother Aida F. Venus, my wife Cristy and kids) and friends and thankful that we are not hit with all the calamities that's happening in other parts of the world like typhoons that hit the Philippines and other countries and tsunamis and earthquakes.

—Abner Venus, Microl Corp.



I am thankful that I have a job, children, and a grandchild, friends, a home, I live on a beautiful island where it is always warm, and a great place to have the best races you never heard of (XTERRA Saipan and Tagaman).

—Wolf Mojica, DFS Saipan, Limited

I am thankful for all of the blessings in my life, most especially to my family and friends.

—Frank Tudela, Marianas Visitors Authority

"I thank God I'm still alive, that I am still healthy at 68, that my family is still together. I am thankful for my wife, Isabel. We've been married for 42 years, and that I can still eat turkey."

—Francisco A. Camacho, postal clerk at the Office of the Governor

"I'm thankful for having good company around me everyday, for the opportunity to help others who are in need, and for the men and women who serve to protect our freedom. I'm thankful for each blessed day I have a chance to be a better son/brother/uncle and I'm thankful for the breath that reminds me I'm alive to do it all."

—Beau Tomokane, courier guard, DHL Express

"I thank God, for my health, my family and friends, acceptance of what I can do within my limits. Peace. And I'm thankful that CNMI soldiers and reservists have gone back home without casualty this year."

—Firefighter III Francis I. Manglona, Department of Public Safety's Fire Division

"I am thankful this year for my husband's parole, my daughter Aphrodite, my job, my family, and for my iPod Touch!"

—Cristina Magofna, ticketing agent, R&C Tours

"I am thankful for five things this year: MP3 player (I won't be able to survive long walks and running without it.); snail mail (Nothing beats the personal touch that goes with them.); a job that pays for my bills; island living (Having the access to commune with nature is simply amazing.); and loved ones, my family and friends help me sail through life."

—Clarissa David, office assistant, Commonwealth Industrial Supply

"I thank God for my good health, the safety of my family back home from past calamities, the life that I have now, all the blessings of job, shelter, friends and having all I have, and the love that is given to me.

—Cristina Lifoifoi, assistant manager, Powermate Freight Forwarders

First and foremost, I am thankful to my parents, Edward Norita and Juanette Camacho, for bringing me into this world. Second, I'm very honored and thankful for the CNMI for helping out during the tsunami and the floods in American Samoa and the Philippines. And last but not least I'm very thankful to myself for being who I am, what I am and for what I want to be in this "eternal life" (what I must do to inherit life). Happy Thanksgiving to everyone in the CNMI.

—Jaetany Camacho

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone on the island. I'm thankful for my whole family (Sablan and Dela Cruz side), my two best friends, friends, and some other things in life. Have a good, happy and safe Thanksgiving 2009! May God bless you and remember to think about what you're thankful for, it wouldn't hurt to share it with others.

—Daphne Sablan DLC.

Happy Thanksgiving to everybody. I'm thankful for my loving girlfriend Christina Tudela, my Mom and Dad, my loving dorky sisters, and the rest of the Sablan and DLC family. Have a fun and safe Thanksgiving.

—Edward Sablan DLC Jr.

BY THE NUMBERS

Thanksgiving Day

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims, early settlers of Plymouth Colony, held a three-day feast to celebrate a bountiful harvest, an event many regard as the nation's first Thanksgiving. It eventually became a national holiday in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a national day of thanksgiving. Later, President Franklin Roosevelt clarified that Thanksgiving should always be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of the month to encourage earlier holiday shopping, never on the occasional fifth Thursday.

271 million: The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States in 2008. That's not statistically significantly different from the number raised during 2007. The turkeys produced in 2008 together weighed 7.9 billion pounds and were valued at $4.5 billion.

Weighing in With a Menu of Culinary Delights

49 million: The preliminary estimate of turkeys Minnesota expected to raise in 2008. The Gopher State was tops in turkey production, followed by North Carolina (39 million), Arkansas (31 million), Virginia (21 million), Missouri (20 million) and Indiana (15.9 million). These six states together would probably account for about two-thirds of U.S. turkeys produced in 2008. (The number of turkeys produced by Virginia and by Missouri are not significantly different from one another.)

709 million pounds: The forecast for U.S. cranberry production in 2009. Wisconsin is expected to lead all states in the production of cranberries, with 400 million pounds, followed by Massachusetts (190 million). New Jersey, Oregon and Washington are also expected to have substantial production, ranging from 16 million to 54 million pounds.

1.8 billion pounds: The total weight of sweet potatoes -- another popular Thanksgiving side dish -- produced by major sweet potato producing states in 2008. North Carolina (874 million pounds) produced more sweet potatoes than any other state. It was followed by California (437 million pounds) and Mississippi (335 million pounds).

1.1 billion pounds: Total production of pumpkins produced in the major pumpkin-producing states in 2008. Illinois led the country by producing 496 million pounds of the vined orange gourd. Pumpkin patches in California, Pennsylvania and New York also provided lots of pumpkins: Each state produced at least 100 million pounds. The value of all pumpkins produced by major pumpkin-producing states was $141 million.

If you prefer cherry pie, you will be pleased to learn that the nation's forecasted tart cherry production for 2009 totals 284 million pounds. Of this total, the overwhelming majority (220 million) will be produced in Michigan.

2.5 billion bushels: The total volume of wheat—the essential ingredient of bread, rolls and pie crust -- produced in the United States in 2008. Kansas and North Dakota accounted for 27 percent of the nation's wheat production.

794,777 tons: The 2008 contracted production of snap (green) beans in major snap (green) bean-producing states. Of this total, Wisconsin led all states (320,200 tons). Many Americans consider green bean casserole a traditional Thanksgiving dish.

$9.2 million: The value of U.S. imports of live turkeys from January through July of 2009 -- 99.3 percent from Canada. When it comes to sweet potatoes, however, the Dominican Republic was the source of 60.7 percent ($2.8 million) of total imports ($4.7 million). The United States ran a $5.8 million trade deficit in live turkeys during the period but had a surplus of $23.1 million in sweet potatoes.

13.8 pounds: The quantity of turkey consumed by the typical American in 2007, with a hearty helping devoured at Thanksgiving time. Per capita sweet potato consumption was 5.2 pounds.

The Turkey Industry

$3.6 billion: The value of turkeys shipped in 2002. Arkansas led the way in turkey shipments, with $581.5 million, followed by Virginia ($544.2 million) and North Carolina ($453 million). In 2002, poultry businesses whose primary product was turkey totaled 35 establishments, employing about 17,000 people.

$3.8 billion: Forecast 2009 receipts to farmers from turkey sales. This exceeds the total receipts from sales of products such as barley, oats and sorghum (combined) and peanuts.

The Price is Right

$1.33: Retail cost per pound of a frozen whole turkey in December 2008.

Where to Feast

3: Number of places in the United States named after the holiday's traditional main course. Turkey, Texas, was the most populous in 2008, with 456 residents, followed by Turkey Creek, La. (361) and Turkey, N.C. (272). There are also nine townships around the country named Turkey, three in Kansas.

5: Number of places and townships in the United States that are named Cranberry or some spelling variation of the red, acidic berry (e.g., Cranbury, N.J.), a popular side dish at Thanksgiving. Cranberry township (Butler County), Pa., was the most populous of these places in 2008, with 27,194 residents. Cranberry township (Venango County), Pa., was next (6,795).

28: Number of places in the United States named Plymouth, as in Plymouth Rock, the landing site of the first Pilgrims. Plymouth, Minn., is the most populous, with 71,486 residents in 2008; Plymouth, Mass., had 55,705. There is just one township in the United States named "Pilgrim." Located in Dade County, Mo., its population was 128 in 2008. And then there is Mayflower, Ark., whose population was 2,231 in 2008.

117 million: Number of households across the nation -- all potential gathering places for people to celebrate the holiday.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

NOTICE

UMBRELLA PERMITS
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF OVERSTAYER STATU
NOVEMBER 26, 2009

Pursuant to the Attorney General's authority under Article III, Section 11 of the NMI Constitution, and 1 CMC § 2151 *et seq.*, the Attorney General hereby grants conditional umbrella permits to each of the below-listed individuals. Since individuals are classified as "overstayers" certain conditions apply. Should an individual not comply with each and every condition listed below, this conditional umbrella permit shall be null and void.

Each conditional umbrella permit is subject to renewal. **Renewals will be reviewed by members of the Attorney General's Investigative Unit (AGIU).** Renewal of each conditional umbrella permit depends on compliance with the following:

(1) **Permit Fee Payment.** Depending on the length of time out of status (i.e., "overstayer") permit fees must be paid in accordance with the below-listed schedule. Past permit fees are to be paid in full by the date of the overstayer's appointment with the Attorney General Investigation Unit. The holder is to make payment at the Department of Finance and present a receipt to the reviewing investigator on the date of his or her appointment;

Number of Years Overstayed	Payment Schedule
0-5 Years	$ 375
5-10 Years	$ 750
10-15 Years	$ 1,125
Over 15 Years	$ 1,500

(2) **Police clearance** obtained at the Commonwealth Superior Court;
(3) Proof a **valid passport** or proof that a passport application and all requisite documents have been submitted to the country of origin;
(4) **Proof of employment** approved and verified by the Commonwealth Department of Labor on or before February 25, 2010; and
(5) **Proof of any pending claims** that may justify the overstaying period(s).

Each overstayer has been scheduled to appear at the Office of the Attorney General Investigation Unit in Susupe, Saipan on a specified date for each individual. At the scheduled interview, the overstayer must provide the above documentation for review and consideration by an investigating officer, who will determine, based on the documentation, whether to renew the umbrella permit.

Forfeiture of Conditional Umbrella Permit: Failure to provide the information listed above and / or failure to appear on the scheduled date / scheduled time and / or failure to comply with all other conditions associated with lawful status (e.g., Department of Labor regulations) , shall result of forfeiture of the conditional umbrella permit.

If you have any questions regarding an appointment and/or the documents required to renew an umbrella permit, please contact AGIU Captain John Dela Cruz at 664-2314 or AGIU Captain Edward Cabrera at 664-2320.

ISSUED THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009

BY: _____
Edward T. Buckingham
Attorney General

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Sang ayon sa kapangyarihan ng Attorney General sa ilalim ng Artikulo III, Seksyon 11 ng Konstitusyon ng NMI, at 1 CMC § 2151 et seq., at sa pamamagitan nito, ang Attorney General ay nagbibigay ng kondisyonal na umbrella permits sa mga indibidwal na nasa listahan. Dahil ang mga indibidwal na ito ay naklasipikang "overstayers" may mga kondisyong susundin. Kung ang indibidwal ay hindi susunod sa lahat ng kondisyong nakalista , ang kondisyonal na umbrella permit na ito ay mawawalan ng bisa.

Ang bawat kondisyonal na umbrella permit ay dapat sumailalim sa renewal. **Ang renewal ay susuriin ng mga miyembro ng Attorney General's Investigative Unit (AGIU).** Ang renewal ng bawat kondisyonal na umbrella permit ay magde-depende sa pagtalima sa mga sumusunod:

(1) **Pagbayad sa Permit Fee.** Depende sa tagal ng pagkawala ng status (yun ay ang "overstayer"), ang permit fee ay dapat bayaran sang ayon sa nakasaad na talaan. Ang mga nakaraang permit fee ay dapat mabayaran ng buo ng overstayer sa araw ng appointment nya sa Attorney General's Investigation Unit. Ang pagbabayad ay dapat gawin sa Department of Finance at ipakita ang resibo sa imbestigador na susuri sa araw ng iyong appointment;

Bilang ng Taon na nag Overstay	Bayad
0 – 5 Taon	$375
5- 10 Taon	$750
10 – 15 Taon	$1,125
Mahigit sa 15 Taon	$1,500

(2) **Police Clearance** na makukuha sa Commonwealth Superior Court;
(3) **Balidong passport** o katunayan na na mayroong aplikasyon ng passport at ang lahat ng kailangang dokumento ay naisumite sa pinagmulang bansa;

CONDITIONAL UMBRELLA P

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313	Lorenzo Ma Nieya	152988	February 25, 2010	10:00 AM

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(4) **Katunayan ng trabaho** na inaprubahan at na-verify ng Commonwealth Department of Labor, bago o noong Pebrero 25, 2010; at
(5) **Katunayan ng anumang hindi pa tapos na claim** na maaring magbigay katwiran sa mga panahon ng pag overstay.

Ang bawat overstayer ay naka iskedyul pumunta sa opisina ng Attorney General Investigation Unit sa Susupe, Saipan sa itinakdang araw sa bawat indibidwal. Sa araw ng interview, kailangang ma ipakita ng overstayer ang mga dokumentong nakalista sa taas para sa pagsusuri at konsiderasyon ng opisyal na nag iimbestiga, na syang mag dedetermina, base sa mga dokumento, na kung dapat i-renew ang umbrella permit.

Pagpapawalang bisa ng Kondisyonal na Umbrella Permit: Ang pagkabigong magbigay ng mga impormasyong nakalista sa taas, at/o pagkabigong makarating sa araw ng skedyul/ oras ng skedyul at / o ang pagkabigong sumunod sa lahat ng iba pang kondisyon na may kaugnayan sa status na alinsunod sa batas (katulad ng mga regulasyon ng Department of Labor), ay magreresulta ng pagpapawalang bisa ng umbrella permit.

Kung mayroon kayong katanungan tungkol sa appointment at/o sa mga dokumentong kailangan para sa pag renew ng umbrella permit, maaring kontakin si AGIU Captain John Dela Cruz sa numerong 664-2314 o si AGIU Captain Edward Cabrera sa numerong 664-2320

IPINAGKALOOB NGAYONG IKA-25 NG NOBYEMBRE, 2009

NI: /s/ Edward T. Buckingham

公 告

关于过期居留身份者
豁免申请保护伞许可证

2009 年 11 月 26 日

根据北马里亚纳宪法第三章十一条，以及 1 CMC § 2151 *et seq* 所赋予的权力，司法部长在此授予有条件性的保护伞许可证给以下名单所列的每一个人。由于这些个人都属于“过期居留者”，受到一定的条件限制。如果谁无法满足以下任何一个或所有条件，他/她的有条件性的保护伞许可证将宣告无效作废。

每份有条件性的保护伞许可证都可以续期更换。**续期更换过程将由司法部调查组(AGIU)成员审核。**每一份有条件性的保护伞许可证的续期更换取决于是否满足以下条件：

（1）**许可证费用。**根据身份过期时间的长短（即过期居留时间），许可证的所付费用必须符合以下列出的时间付费表。旧的许可证费用要在与司法部调查组预约好的办过期居留身份的那一天前全额付清。许可证持有者应提前把费用交给财政部并在他/她（与司法部调查组）预约的那一天把收据出示给审核调查员：

身份过期年份	付费标准
0-5年	375美金
5-10年	750美金
10-15年	1125美金
15年以上	1500美金

（2）**无犯罪记录（警察报告）**，可在本地高等法院获得；
（3）**有效护照证明**，或者护照申请（续期更换补换）以及其他必需文件已经递交到原籍国（大使馆）的证明；
（4）**雇佣证明**，由本地劳工部在 2010 年 2 月 25 日或之前出具核实并批准的；以及
（5）**任何正在进行中的索赔/申诉/诉讼证明**，以便确定身份过期的持续时间。

每一个过期居留者都已经被安排好，在一个指定的日期，到塞班苏苏比的司法部调查组办公室去面谈。在预约日的面谈中，过期居留者必须提供以上的文件给调查员审核。调查员会根据所提供的文件考量是否批准许可证的续期更换。

有条件性保护伞许可证的没收剥夺：未能提供以上所列的任何信息并且/或者，未能在预约安排日期和时间准时出现或者，未能符合其他所有与合法身份有关的限制条件（例如劳工部的规章制度），将会导致有条件性的保护伞许可证被没收剥夺。

如果你对预约或者保护伞许可证续期更换所需的文件有任何问题的话，请打电话联系两位司法部调查组组长：**John Dela Cruz（664-2314）**或 **Edward Cabrera（664-2320）**。

签发日：2009 年 11 月 25 日

司法部长：/s/ Edward T. Buckingham

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Business

Wary consumers, rising unemployment snag recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy is not growing as fast as the government first thought and the recovery still faces significant obstacles, including households nervous about spending and rising unemployment.

Economists expect new reports Wednesday to give a better picture of how things are shaping up for the final three months of the year.

New filings for unemployment benefits likely will show a slight improvement while consumer spending should post a rebound in October after an auto-related plunge in September. Sales of new homes are expected to grow, propelled by first-time buyers taking advantage of a special tax credit.

Even with signs of strength, economists worry the recovery could falter if consumer spending, which makes up 70 percent of economic activity, drops in the face of unemployment that is already at the highest point in 26 years and is expected to keep rising.

AP

In this photo made Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, Antionette Harris shops at a Target store in Philadelphia. Americans' confidence in the economy improved slightly in November, but they remain gloomy amid a weak job market heading into the holiday season.

Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters expect that new applications for unemployment benefits dipped to 500,000 last week, from 505,000 the previous week. The four-week average for claims posted its 11th consecutive decline last week, falling to 514,000, the lowest level in a year.

The number of people receiving continuing claims is expected to fall slightly to 5.58 million for the week ended Nov. 14, from 5.61 million in the previous week.

Still, such slight improvements will not be enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising. The jobless rate hit 10.2 percent in October and many analysts believe it will keep rising to 10.5 percent or higher before starting to improve next summer.

Some employers are continuing to lay off workers. Struggling Internet company AOL last week said it plans to cut up to 2,500 jobs, more than a third of its work force, once it is spun off from the media conglomerate Time Warner Inc. And Hartford, Conn.-based health insurer Aetna Inc. said it will cut 625 jobs, or nearly 2 percent of its staff, and will make similar job cuts in the first quarter of 2010 due to the lagging economy and the potential impact of health care reform.

Brighter Fed forecast helps market pare losses

NEW YORK (AP)—A brighter economic forecast from the Federal Reserve helped the stock market pare losses that followed uninspiring reports on consumer sentiment and housing.

Stocks slipped from 13-month highs in light trading Tuesday as gains in health care companies helped offset drops in financial and industrial stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 17 points a day after jumping by 133.

The market strengthened in afternoon trading as the Federal Reserve released minutes from its latest meeting, during which it pledged to keep interest rates low for the foreseeable future and said inflation remained at bay. The Fed raised its expectations for economic growth during the second half of this year, but said unemployment will remain high.

That followed the Conference Board's report that its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 49.5 in November from a revised 48.7 in October. While better than expected, the report shows that consumers remain gloomy heading into the holiday season. A reading above 90 means the economy is on solid footing. The government also revised its calculation of third-quarter economic growth down to 2.8 percent from its original estimate of 3.5 percent, the latest sign that the recovery is likely to be slow and bumpy.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

AIG approves pay package for CEO Benmosche

NEW YORK (AP)—American International Group Inc. on Tuesday said it will go ahead with a previously announced pay package for its new CEO Robert Benmosche of $7 million in cash and stock. Benmosche, who took over as CEO of the embattled insurer three months ago, will receive an annual salary of $3 million in cash and $4 million in AIG common stock under the pay agreement. AIG is under close government scrutiny after receiving a bailout package worth up to $182.5 billion from the government in exchange for an 80 percent stake in the company. That bailout package also includes restrictions on compensation for the insurer's 100 highest-paid employees.

Saab likely to close as GM fails to sell car brand

DETROIT (AP)—A deal for General Motors Co. to sell Saab to a specialty carmaker has collapsed, leaving the storied Swedish brand born from jets in 1947 close to extinction. Koenigsegg Group AB, a consortium formed by Swedish luxury sports car maker Koenigsegg Automotive AB, said Tuesday it pulled out of the deal in part because it was unable to agree with investors on how best to move the brand from mass-market to premium. For GM, it was the third time this year that a deal to shed one of its brands fell apart as it tries to recover from a stay in bankruptcy protection by focusing on a core of four: Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac.

Heinz 2Q profit falls 16 percent

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—H.J. Heinz Co.'s says its business is thriving in emerging markets but the recession continued to drag down its U.S. and European sales during the second quarter as shoppers limited spending or chose lower-priced products. "Even though the global recession appears to be abating, there's no question that consumers and customers remain intensely focused on value, which they are more often defining as price," said Heinz CEO Bill Johnson "Consumers in particular are looking for bargains wherever they shop for food and household items." The food maker reported Tuesday that its quarterly profit fell 16 percent from last year, when the company's results were boosted by currency shifts. But it boosted its full-year guidance, saying it will invest heavily in market to spur growth in its sluggish markets.

Facebook creates dual-class structure, but no IPO

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook has created a dual-class stock structure designed to give founder Mark Zuckerberg and other existing shareholders control over the company.

The move could be seen as laying the groundwork for an initial public offering, though the social network said Tuesday it had no plans to go public "at this time."

The dual-class structure is what Google Inc.'s founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, created to keep voting control over that company before it went public in 2004. Google's Class B shares, owned by Page, Brin, CEO Eric Schmidt and some directors, hold 10 times the voting power as its regular, Class A stock.

In a statement, Facebook Inc. said the company introduced the stock structure because its existing shareholders wanted to keep control when voting on issues it faces.

AP

In this Nov. 6, 2007 file photo, Facebook CEO and founder Mark Zuckerberg speaks to press and advertising partners at an event in New York.

The company didn't say which executives and employees would get the shares with the higher voting power. The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed sources, said Facebook was converting the shares of all its current stockholders into Class B shares that, like Google's, hold 10 times the voting power of Class A stock.

That would be a departure from Google's decision to keep such shares in the hands of a few top executives—something for which the search company has been criticized.

Fed: Super-low rates could fuel speculative bubble

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve doesn't expect the recovery will be strong enough to quickly drive down the jobless rate, and acknowledged its efforts to keep the rebound going could feed a new speculative bubble.

Record-low interest rates "could lead to excessive risk-taking in financial markets," according to documents released Tuesday of the Fed's closed-door meeting earlier this month. It also could cause consumers, investors and businesses to worry about inflation taking off.

Although Fed officials saw the current likelihood of that as "relatively low," they pledged to "remain alert to these risks."

At the Nov. 3-4 meeting, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues kept the target range for its bank lending rate at zero to 0.25 percent.

Fed policymakers also pledged to hold rates at such super-low levels for an "extended period," to ensure the recovery gains traction. Most analysts predict that means rates will stay where they are through the rest of this year and into part of 2010.

STOCK Portfolio

ASIAN MARKETS

AUSTRALIA	4,741.90 Up 32.80 (+0.70%)
HONG KONG	22,381.91 Down 41.23 (-0.18%)
JAKARTA	2,463.94 Down 6.94 (-0.28%)
TOKYO	9,441.64 Up 40.06 (+0.43%)
K. LUMPUR	1,271.78 Down 2.30 (-0.18%)
MANILA	3,064,30 Down 10.36 (-0.34%)
SINGAPORE	2,788.41 Up 8.43 (+0.30%)
SEOUL	1,611.88 Up 5.46 (+0.34%)
BANGKOK	683.23 Up 7.01 (+1.04%)

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	10,433.71 -0.16%
S&P	1,105.65 -0.05%
NASDAQ	2,169.18 -0.31%

MONEY MARKET

Australian Dollar	1.0799
British Pound	0.6011
Canadian Dollar	1.0560
Chinese Yuan	6.8267
Euro	0.6666
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7501
Indian Rupee	46.3050
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Japanese Yen	88.2950
Malaysian Ringgit	3.3760
New Zealand Dollar	1.3716
Philippine Peso	46.7650
Singapore Dollar	1.3835
South Korean Won	1,154.4000
Swiss Franc	1.0065
Taiwan Dollar	32.2390
Thailand Baht	33.2000

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

Nation

Obamas welcome guests with curry at state dinner

ACROSS THE NATION

3 airlines fined in Minnesota tarmac stranding

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is imposing fines for the first time against airlines for stranding passengers on an airport tarmac, the Transportation Department said Tuesday. The department said it has levied a precedent-setting $175,000 in fines against three airlines for their roles in the stranding of passengers overnight in a plane at Rochester, Minn., on Aug. 8. Continental Express Flight 2816 was en route from Houston to Minneapolis carrying 47 passengers when thunderstorms forced it to divert to Rochester, where it landed about 12:30 a.m. The airport was closed and Mesaba Airlines employees—the only airline employees at the airport at the time—refused to open the terminal for the stranded passengers.

Doctor's help sought in failed Ohio execution try

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—As an Ohio execution team tried to find a vein during an unsuccessful lethal injection attempt, prison staff sought help from a doctor—a move generally discouraged by ethical and professional medical rules—federal court papers show. Dr. Carmelita Bautista said in a deposition filed in U.S. District Court that she had never before been involved in an execution. "No, because I am a doctor," she tells a lawyer questioning her. "We are supposed to help people who are sick. We're supposed to heal people as such as we can."

Off-reservation Indian gambling raises concerns

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP)—An Indian tribe wants to build a grand, $1.5 billion, Las Vegas-style casino resort on a swath of land overlooking San Francisco Bay - a spot more than 100 miles from its tribal lands. Across the country, in fact, a number of Indian tribes are seeking to construct casinos well away from their reservations or other tribal lands. And the trend may be about to accelerate: The Obama administration is expected to decide soon whether to loosen the rules on some of these projects. Gambling opponents deplore the trend and complain that Indian tribes are trying to game the system to expand their operations and get closer to lucrative big-city markets. They fear that more gambling will bring more crime and other social ills.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The first state dinner of the Obama White House had it all: Oscar-winning entertainers, Hollywood moguls, a knockout guest chef and even a wardrobe malfunction.

Traditional evening gowns vied with saris of vibrant colors Tuesday night at the high-glitz dinner in honor of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. There were turbans and bindis as well as diamonds and brocades.

"Everyone looks great; we're feeling great," White House social secretary Desiree Rogers told a phalanx of cameras as she arrived, betraying no hint of nerves at the biggest social event of the Obama presidency.

First lady Michelle Obama had been a little more forthcoming earlier in the day when she described the trick to pulling off the event as sort of like being a swan: calm and serene above the water but "paddling like mad, going crazy underneath."

The 338-person guest list was a mix of wonky Washington, Hollywood A-listers, prominent figures from the Indian community in the U.S., and Obama friends, family and campaign donors.

Attorney General Eric Holder patted his pocket as he arrived and said his kids had prepped him with all sorts of questions for tablemate Steven Spielberg. U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, asked who she was most looking forward to chatting with, ventured, "I'd have to name four." Then didn't.

Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania had to scramble when his ensemble went rogue at just the wrong moment: His cummerbund dropped to the floor just as he and his wife stopped to pose before a scrum of about 40 reporters and photographers.

AP

President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama welcome India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur to the State Dinner at the North Portico of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009.

Alfre Woodard and Blair Underwood provided the celebrity quotient, but neither could come up with a connection to India. Underwood said he was there because of Woodard. She said she was there because she's on the president's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

Dinner guests were treated to an eye-catching scheme of green and purple, from the green curry surrounding the prawns to the purple floral arrangements paying homage to the peacock, India's national bird.

Pumpkin was on the menu, too, with Tuesday's dinner coming just two days before Thanksgiving.

Hours before guests arrived and in keeping with tradition, Mrs. Obama previewed the glamorous table settings in the State Dining Room. That's often the venue for such dinners, but not this time.

Instead, in an effort to show Singh how much the U.S. values relations with his country, the Obamas decided to serve dinner in a huge white tent on the South Lawn, with a view of the Washington Monument through clear panels.

It wasn't your everyday tent: This one had chandeliers suspended from the ceiling and beige carpet on the floor.

President Barack Obama, in his dinner toast, said the setting conjured images of India, where special events are "often celebrated under the cover of a beautiful tent." Singh, in turn, told the president he was overwhelmed by the Obamas' hospitality and said the president's election last year had been an inspiration to millions of Indians.

Magnolia branches native to both India and the U.S. adorned the tent's inside walls, along with ivy and nandina foliage.

Guests were seated 10 apiece at round tables draped in green apple-colored cloths and napkins, offset by the sparkle of gold-colored flatware and china, including service and dinner plates from the Eisenhower, Clinton and George W. Bush settings.

SC lawmakers question impeachment for governor

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A cool-headed legal debate has replaced the once-passionate calls to oust Gov. Mark Sanford that began after his tearful summertime admission that he disappeared from the state to pursue an extramarital affair in Argentina.

A panel on Tuesday began debating whether his failure to inform his staff of his whereabouts and put anyone in charge rise to the high standard of impeachment, usually reserved for officeholders who break the law.

Two proponents of a measure to remove Sanford likened his five-day absence to a soldier leaving his post. But others on a seven-member legislative panel questioned whether the two-term Republican's actions rose to a high enough level to warrant removal.

"To speak about dereliction of duty, absence without leave, abandoning one's post are terms that ordinarily are reserved for those who are in uniform and who are not civilian citizens of our state and nation," said Rep. Walt McLeod, D-Prosperity. "It may constitute something. But it doesn't constitute dereliction of duty because those are military terms."

Sanford returned in June to confess to an affair that shattered his marriage and dimmed a once-bright political future. He told reporters in Charleston on Tuesday that it's obvious he wanted to keep an affair secret.

"Yes, I had a moral failing. I was gone for five days. I failed my marriage on a number of fronts. I mean, we've been through all of that. I don't know how many times one apologizes for that," he said. "How many times do we want to say the obvious? The nature of having an affair is you want to hide it."

New details emerge in Somali terror probe

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Minnesota man hosted a gathering for several young Somalis days before they left Minneapolis to fight with a terrorist group in their war-torn homeland, according to court documents unsealed Tuesday in a sweeping federal investigation.

Mohamud Said Omar, 43, who is in custody in the Netherlands, is accused of being involved with many of the roughly 20 young men who left Minneapolis in waves from December 2007 through November 2008.

Omar is among 14 charged in the investigation some terrorism experts call one of the largest of its kind. "The numbers are huge compared to other domestic terrorism cases that have been brought," said Michael Greenberger, director of the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security.

Several individuals are accused in court documents of a mix of recruiting and raising funds for travel, and of engaging in terrorist acts in Somalia. Some allegedly attended training camps run by the group al-Shabab, which the U.S. says has ties to al-Qaida. All but one of the men who left the Minneapolis area are of Somali descent.

Police: Ky. census worker staged death as homicide

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)—On the surface it all seemed like a gruesome hate crime in a rural part of Kentucky with a history of disdain for the government: a census worker found bound with duct tape and hanging from a tree, the word "fed" scrawled across his chest.

But investigators noticed the foot-tall letters scrawled in black felt-tip pen looked like they could have been written by the victim himself, and they soon found out that he believed he had cancer, had two insurance policies worth $600,000, and had an adult son in need of money.

Investigators said Tuesday what they had been hinting at for weeks, that Bill Sparkman's hanging was a ruse to mask his suicide for a big insurance payout.

The key clue was the lack of defense wounds—the only visible marks on his body were a furrow around his neck and insect bites.

"Underneath the tape there was no trauma, and that's what I always want to look for," said Dr. Cristin Rolf, deputy state medical examiner. "If there is ever a homicide, a healthy person would put up a good fight and you would see injury and trauma to the neck and to the arms."

On Sept. 12, the Kentucky resident drove his Chevy pickup—packed with a rope, a roll of duct tape and some red rags—deep into the Kentucky woods, where outsiders are mostly treated with distrust and apprehension. He stripped down to his socks and walked to a nearby cemetery.

He taped his ankles and wrists, but his wrists were bound so loosely that he had considerable mobility, leaving investigators to believe he could have done the taping himself, authorities said. He scrawled the word "fed" upside down on his chest, taped his Census Bureau ID to his head, stuck a red cloth into his mouth and placed another piece of tape over it.

Asia

Philippines' deadliest massacre tests govt

AMPATUAN, Philippines (AP)—A few miles off the main highway, on a remote hilltop covered with waist-high grass, bodies lay with twisted hands reaching in the air. They had been shot point-blank.

Nearby, bodies were being laid out under banana leaves Tuesday as police—their faces covered against the stench—unearthed a mass grave containing 22 victims from Monday's ambush on an election caravan. The discovery brought the death toll to 46—an unprecedented act of violence at the outset of the country's election season.

As many as five people remained unaccounted for.

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AMPATUAN, Philippines (AP)—Authorities have recovered six more bodies, bringing the death toll to 52 in one of the Philippines' worst election massacres.

Regional police commander Josefino Cataluna says the bodies were dug out from a shallow pit near a grassy hilltop where police and troops earlier found 46 other remains from Monday's attack in southern Maguindanao province.

AP

Police cover bodies with banana leaves along a hillside grave, in Ampatuan municipality, Maguindanao province, southern Philippines, Tuesday Nov. 24, 2009.

Cataluna says two vehicles, a sedan and a van, were entirely buried in the same hole.

The 52 victims include the family of a gubernatorial candidate and 18 Filipino journalists who accompanied his relatives in filing his election papers. Suspicion fell on a rival clan that has ruled the province unopposed for years.

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President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo declared a state of emergency in Maguindanao and a neighboring southern province, sending extra troops and police to try to impose the rule of law.

"No effort will be spared to bring justice to the victims and hold the perpetrators accountable to the full limit of the law," she said.

Few think she will be successful in the impoverished, lawless region that has been outside the central government's reach for generations, and where warlords backed by private armies go by their own rules.

Khmer Rouge prison chief could get 40 years

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Prosecutors in the genocide trial of a former Khmer Rouge prison chief demanded a 40-year jail sentence Wednesday for a man whom they described as snuffing out innocent lives and spreading terror across Cambodia.

Kaing Guek Eav commanded the notorious S-21 prison, where those accused of disloyalty to the xenophobic communist regime were held. He oversaw the torture and execution of about 16,000 men, women and children during the Khmer Rouge's 1975-79 rule.

Some 1.7 million Cambodians died of torture, execution, disease and starvation during the Khmer Rouge's rule, during which the Maoist ideologues led by Pol Pot emptied cities and forced virtually the entire population to work on farm collectives.

Co-prosecutor William Smith told the court that Kaing Guek Eav, also known as Duch (pronounced DOIK), acknowledged his guilt and had given evidence against other Khmer Rouge leaders. But he said Duch must be held accountable for his "unrelenting brutality" at S-21.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Death toll in China mining blast rises to 106

BEIJING (AP)—The number of dead in China's worst mining accident in two years rose to 106 Wednesday after two more bodies were pulled out of the coal mine, state media said. The state-run Xinhua News Agency cited local authorities as saying the bodies of two workers were retrieved Wednesday morning. The report said the search continued for the last two people missing under ground at the state-run Xinxing mine in Hegang city, Heilongjiang province. China's mine safety authorities have blamed crowded conditions, insufficient ventilation and slow rescue efforts for the high death toll in the gas explosion, which hit before dawn Saturday when 528 miners were under ground.

Icebergs head from Antarctica for New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A flotilla of hundreds of icebergs that split off Antarctic ice shelves is drifting toward New Zealand and could pose a risk to ships in the south Pacific Ocean, officials said Tuesday. The nearest one, measuring about 100 feet (30 meters) tall, was 160 miles (260 kilometers) southeast of New Zealand's Stewart Island, Australian glaciologist Neal Young said. He couldn't say how many icebergs in total were roaming the Pacific, but he counted 130 in one satellite image alone and 100 in another. Large numbers of icebergs last floated close to New Zealand in 2006, when some were visible from the coastline—the first such sighting since 1931.

Docs say formerly conjoined twins recovering well

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Formerly conjoined twin sisters Trishna and Krishna are enjoying a favorite DVD and trying new foods as they continue their recovery from marathon separation surgery, doctors said. Royal Children's Hospital chief of surgery Leo Donnan said Tuesday that Trishna is now sampling bread and fruit for the first time in her life, as she previously got her nutrition from her sister. The twins turn 3 next month. Krishna is happily watching DVDs of "The Wiggles," famous Australian children's performers, as the twins for the first time lie in separate beds and can see each other.

Afghan official says 15 ministers face graft probe

KABUL (AP)—Three Afghan Cabinet officials and 12 former ministers are under investigation for alleged corruption, the attorney general's office said Tuesday, announcing cases that could signal whether the government is serious about fighting graft in its ranks. President Hamid Karzai pledged in his second inaugural address last week to support the arrests of anyone involved in corruption. International leaders, who have threatened to hold back troops and development money unless Karzai tackles the rampant problem, say they will hold him to that promise. "We are investigating allegations against 15 ministers—three of them in the current Cabinet and the rest of them former ministers," Fazel Ahmad Faqiryar, first deputy attorney general, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

World

France shows off cutting-edge navy ship in Russia

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)—French officers on Tuesday showed off a cutting-edge warship to a potential buyer—the Russian navy, whose pursuit of an amphibious assault capacity is frightening some neighboring countries.

Russia's once-mighty navy has declined severely since the fall of the Soviet Union and has no big ship with the power to anchor in coastal waters and deploy troops onto land.

Russian officials have said they were planning to make their first arms deal with a NATO country by buying a French ship like the Mistral - a 23,700-ton (21,500-metric ton), 980-foot (299-meter) vessel able to carry more than a dozen helicopters, or land forces, hospitals or refugees, among other things.

It is the "Swiss army knife" of military ships, said Bruno Daffix, spokesman for the French Defense Ministry's export and sales agency.

The head of the Russian navy has said that, within 40 minutes, a Mistral-class vessel could put as many troops in Georgia as it took the Russian Black Sea Fleet to land in 26 hours during the nations' August 2008 war. Russia, Georgia and Ukraine all have Black Sea coastlines.

Medvedev

Russian military officers on Tuesday toured the Mistral, docked on the banks of the Neva, about a half-mile (1 kilometer) from the Hermitage museum.

One of two ships of that class in the French navy, the Mistral was launched in 2006 and began service in a Lebanon refugee operation.

Its captain on Tuesday dodged questions about a potential sale.

"I am a naval officer, and this issue is discussed at a different, much higher level," Didier Piaton told journalists touring the ship separately from the Russian officers.

"I hope that our visit to St. Petersburg will serve to improve relations between our two navies," he said.

The French and Russian navies may hold joint exercises before the Mistral departs this week, if weather permits, a French officer said.

Russian media reports have said a Mistral-class ship would cost Russia up to euro500 million ($750 million). Officials in Moscow have expressed interest in buying licenses to build several more in Russia.

In Georgia, still in tense relations with Moscow after the war, officials voiced alarm at the prospect of their giant neighbor being equipped with such a vessel.

Big Bang atom smasher starts speeding proton beams

GENEVA (AP)—The world's largest atom smasher used its accelerator Tuesday to speed up proton beams for the first time as scientists moved ahead in efforts to learn more about the universe. The $10 billion Large Hadron Collider showed it could raise the energy of the proton beams whizzing around the massive machine by an initial 20 percent.

"It was just a preliminary test," said James Gillies, spokesman for the European Organization for Nuclear Research, also known as CERN. "It's all going very well."

Tuesday's step indicated further good news for the collider since months of repairs following its spectacular collapse last year. The latest phase began Friday night when the first proton beams circulated each way around the 17-mile (27-kilometer) tunnel under the Swiss-French border.

The operators then got the beams to run simultaneously in opposite directions through fire-hose-sized pipes 11,000 times a second around the ring, zooming by at nearly the speed of light through temperatures colder than outer space.

Comatose for 23 years, Belgian feels reborn

BRUSSELS (AP)—Helped by a therapist, Rom Houben's outstretched finger tapped with surprising speed on a computer touchscreen, spelling out how he felt "alone, lonely, frustrated" in the 23 years he was trapped inside a paralyzed body.

After a doctor found he was wrongly diagnosed as being in a vegetative state, and worked out a way for him to communicate, Houben said he now feels reborn.

"And just like with a baby, it happens with a lot of stumbling," the 46-year-old Belgian wrote, tapping out the words in Dutch for Associated Press Television News on Tuesday as an aide guided his hand.

A leading bioethicist, however, expressed skepticism that Houben was really communicating, saying the responses seem unnatural for someone with such a profound injury and an inability to communicate for decades.

WORLD BRIEFS

UN wants men to help end violence against women

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched a Network of Men Leaders on Tuesday to act as role models in the global campaign to end the "pandemic" of violence against women. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said it is unacceptable that about 70 percent of women experience some form of physical or sexual violence from men—"the majority from their husbands, intimate partners or someone they know." He urged men—young and old—from countries around the world to join the network and pledge to work to end violence against women and girls wherever it occurs, from the home to conflict areas.

N. Ireland: 2 charged with attack on police

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP)—Two suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents have been charged with attempting to kill an off-duty police officer near the province's border with the Republic of Ireland last week, police said Tuesday. The pair, 26 and 32, were among three suspects arrested after gunmen tried to ambush the officer in Garrison, a lakeside border village in the westernmost corner of Northern Ireland on Saturday. The botched attack came the same day Irish Republican Army dissidents left a 400-pound (180-kilogram) car bomb outside police headquarters in Belfast. That homemade device caught on fire but didn't explode.

Prisoner swap could win release of popular leader

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—At the top of the list of Palestinian prisoners likely to be freed in a possible swap for an Israeli soldier is a firebrand politician many Palestinians believe is a likely future president who can pull them out of their current political deadlock. But if released—not a sure thing—Marwan Barghouti would face a rancorous Palestinian political split, an Israeli government resistant to concessions and possible challenges from within his own party. Barghouti, 50, took a hard-line stance toward Israel in a letter from his prison cell read to supporters on Tuesday. He called for a diplomatic boycott, said negotiations have reached a dead end and claimed Israel's government is not a partner for peace.

Life & Style

Q&A: Shakira says new CD looks out for single gals

25 recordings inducted into Grammy Hall of Fame

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Doors' "Riders On The Storm" and the Beach Boys' "California Girls" are among 25 recordings being inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

The Recording Academy said Tuesday that the hall of fame now includes a total of 851 titles that were selected to represent the triumphs and achievements of the recording arts. The inductees were drawn from all categories of music.

Other recordings selected this year include: James Brown's "It's A Man's Man's Man's World;" Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad;" Janis Joplin's "Pearl;" the Isley Brothers' "Twist and Shout;" Louis Armstrong's "Lazy River;" and Muddy Waters' "I Feel Like Going Home."

NEW YORK (AP)—All the single ladies—Shakira is looking out for you!

The Colombian-born singer says the songs on her new album "She Wolf," out this week, is a reflection of a woman who is looking for her prince charming.

"It's very much a common thing for women my age, at least my friends, to be in search for the right man and to be somehow dreaming of the prince who's going to come in and rescue them," the 32-year-old said. "Some of these songs either reveal my own daydreams or fantasies, but some of them have to do with my girlfriends' experiences and things that they go through."

The Grammy-winner says songs like the Brazilian-influenced "Did It Again" and "Men In This Town" will connect women in search of "the one."

However, Shakira doesn't have to deal with that issue. The singer has been in a relationship with Antonio de La Rua, the son of former Argentinian President Fernando de la Rua, for almost a decade.

In a recent interview, the international star talked about her new CD, relationships and why she is still passionate about her career.

The Associated Press: What is the album about lyrically?

Shakira: I think this album in general has been written from a very feminine perspective. Maybe because today I feel more like a woman and I feel the struggle of being of woman, and its advantages too, in my own flesh. I have a better understanding of women's plight, you know. I guess I understand my mom better today than 10 years ago. ...(It's about) the old urban tale, you know, trying to find the right man ... the old urban tale of men not being available, all the good ones are taken.

AP: But you are set though, right?

Shakira: Yeah (laughs). I'm all set. But unfortunately not everyone out there is and it's tough to date, to be out there and so I kind of wanted to portray that other side of women's reality and "Did It Again" is about making recurrently the same mistake which is something us women tend to do because of our emotional nature, that emotional, romantic and dreamy nature.

AP: The CD features a number of party-sounding jams. Did you club-hop to get inspired?

Shakira: Not really. I live in the Bahamas, I only go out sometimes when I'm with my band on the road. We tend to go to clubs, but it's not something I do very often. I live a very simple life.

AP

Shakira arrives at the 37th Annual American Music Awards on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, in Los Angeles.

AP: You and Wyclef have another duet on this CD. Was there any pressure to create something as huge as "Hips Don't Lie"?

Shakira: I knew that it would be difficult to do a song at least of the same genre as "Hips Don't Lie" and make it big as that one. I think when you're in front of a song the size of what "Hips Don't Lie" meant to both of us, it's really hard. The parameters are so high and there's no way to fulfill the expectation. ... Instead of trying to repeat the same formula, which No. 1 could be very boring, and two, it would be an impossible task. We weren't thinking about "Hips Don't Lie," we were thinking about having a good time ... I feel like it's a little jewel in the album. I like the sound—it's smooth and sexy at the same time. Also, it's got a little fantasy in it.

AP: You've had many albums—what was the goal specifically with this one?

Shakira: I wanted to make sure the fantasy was very latent and fresh in the songs. I think that sometimes music today can get pretty straight forward, and blunt, and I refuse to let metaphors die. And I refuse to let fantasy in music die. I admire so much people in other decades like David Bowie and Michael Jackson, people who were in touch with their own inner child and also their own fantasies and dreams, and they sort of portrayed that in their songs. And I felt inspired by that and let my imagination fly, and let my songs be the butterfly catchers.

AP: You've been in this game for 13 years. What is most surprising to you when you look back at your career?

Shakira: It's not that I care less, but surprisingly I still care a lot about my career. I should care less because I've been doing this for a few years but I'm surprised about how I still care so much. This album feels to me like it's my first album, you know. There's no difference about the way I felt when I was 13 and the way I feel now. ... I feel like the owner of my own life.

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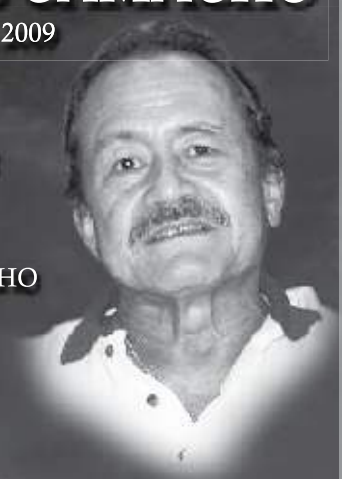

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Father Celso, Nov. 12, 2009

To millions, Oprah's not a megastar, just a BFF

NEW YORK (AP)—Like any wife who knows her husband well, Nancy Martus knows what will annoy her man. Like when she utters the phrase, "Oprah says..."

"He doesn't like it when I start my sentences that way," laughs Martus, a 36-year-old mother of three in Plymouth, Mass. "He says he doesn't care what Oprah says."

Good luck with that, Mr. Martus.

For his wife and for millions of women around the country, Winfrey has become, over the years, much more than a regular television date. Talk to her fans, and you hear a familiar refrain: Oprah's like a favorite aunt, a sister, or a friend. Forget the sprawling media empire and the billions that separate her daily existence from that of ordinary folks. To these fans, she still feels like a BFF.

That connection, especially remarkable for how long it's lasted, is one reason why you can sense tangible disappointment but hardly anger among die-hard fans that she's ending her talk show—well, in a year and a half—and moving to unspecified ventures in cable.

Because, many of these women say, you support your friends, even when they're moving away and you're mad at them for leaving. You have to be happy for them.

"You know, we're selfish to miss her," says Tracy Arenibar, a 37-year-old fan in Homer Glen, Ill. "I'm proud of her because she's making a decision that she's earned. She deserves it."

Just how has Winfrey managed to maintain such a connection with viewers over nearly a quarter-century? Certainly, ratings have declined over the last decade—one reason, some speculate, that she decided to end her show and take a gamble with her new network, OWN (The Oprah Winfrey Network).

AP

In this photo taken Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 and provided by Harpo Productions Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey announces during a live broadcast of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in Chicago that her daytime television show, the foundation of a multibillion-dollar media empire with legions of fans, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons on the air.

But still, Winfrey's bringing in an average of 7.2 million viewers this season, a number that dwarfs the audience of, for example, the highly likable Ellen DeGeneres, whom some see as a likely successor at the top of the talk-show ladder.

To Joy Behar, the comedian and fellow talk show host, Winfrey's gift is an ability to make everyone feel like she cares—not just about humanity, but about them.

"You're home, you're depressed, and you have the feeling that she really gives a damn," says Behar, who co-hosts "The View" and recently launched her own show on HLN. "She gives the impression that she knows you personally."

By contrast, the iconic Johnny Carson, who hosted "The Tonight Show" for 30 years, was cool as a cucumber—witty, amusing, comforting. "But you wouldn't necessarily want him to come for Thanksgiving dinner," Behar noted in a telephone interview.

With Winfrey, perfect as her life may seem with her wealth, her philanthropy and her ability to make anything from a pair of pajamas to a new novel a household name, it's actually her imperfections that appeal to many of her fans.

In interviews, almost all of them pointed to her struggles with her famously fluctuating weight—a problem she shares with so many women. Winfrey has called a 1988 show in which she wheeled a wagon loaded with 67 pounds of fat onstage to represent her weight loss—weight she soon regained—a big, fat mistake.

"But it makes her so relatable," said Martus, the Massachusetts fan. "She rides the same roller coasters everybody else does. I like that."

Melissa Betschart loves that she and Oprah share a favorite weakness: Cupcakes. "She and I both have a sugar addiction," says the 23-year-old from Sacramento, Calif. "I'm always on and off Weight Watchers. She gains and loses too. It just shows that she's only human—and so raw."

Betschart was born just as Winfrey's talk show was debuting. She grew up watching with her mother and grandmother.

And even though this young white woman has little overtly in common with an African-American woman of 55 who overcame a childhood of poverty to become one of the richest and most powerful people in the world, she still considers her "part of my family, like an aunt, who I take advice from all the time."

What's telling about the devotion of fans like Betschart is that many of them care less about the content of Winfrey's show—which is a little of everything—than simply who Oprah is. Betschart herself prefers the shows that are inspirational in nature, as in the recent karaoke challenge, where Winfrey awarded winner Abraham McDonald $250,000 and a chance at stardom. She's less interested in seeing Tom Cruise declare his love for Katie Holmes.

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John Travolta, Robin Williams
Comedy, Family • Rated PG
Synopsis
Two best friends—one unlucky-in-love divorcee and the other a fun-loving bachelor—have their lives turned upside down when they're unexpectedly charged with the care of 7-year-old twins while on the verge of the biggest business deal of their lives. The not-so-kid-savvy bachelors stumble in their efforts to take care of the twins, leading to one debacle after another, and perhaps to a new-found understanding of what's really important in life.

Ninja Assassin
Thursday 1:10 4:30 7:10 9:40
Rain, Rick Yune
Action • Rated R
Synopsis
Raizo is one of the deadliest assassins in the world. Taken from the streets as a child, he was transformed into a trained killer by the Ozunu Clan, a secret society whose very existence is considered a myth. But haunted by the merciless execution of his friend by the Clan, Raizo breaks free from them...and vanishes. Now he waits, preparing to exact his revenge. In Berlin, Europol agent Mika Coretti has stumbled upon a money trail linking several political murders to an underground network of untraceable assassins from the Far East.

Paranormal Activity
Thursday 1:20 4:10 7:30 9:50
Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
Thriller, Horror • Rated R
Synopsis
After a young, middle class couple moves into what seems like a typical suburban "starter" tract house, they become increasingly disturbed by a presence that may or may not be demonic, but is certainly most active in the middle of the night. Especially when they sleep. Or try to.

Twilight Saga: New Moon
Thursday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:45
Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart
Thriller, Romance • Rated PG 13

2012
Thursday 1:05 4:05 7:05 10:10
John Cusack, Amanda Peet
Action, Thriller • Rated PG 13

Planet 51
Thursday 1:30 4:20 7:20 9:35
Gary Oldman, Jessica Biel
Comedy, Adventure • Rated PG 13

The Blind Side
Thursday 1:15 4:15 7:25 10:00
Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
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Gael Garcia Bernal's new role is 'provocative'

NEW YORK (AP)—Gael Garcia Bernal calls his latest film "provocative."

The Mexican actor says he knew what he was getting into when he chose to work on "Mammoth" with Swedish filmmaker Lukas Moodysson, whose previous films have covered such subjects as forced prostitution and amateur porn.

"I definitely knew that it was going to be a confrontational film, that it was going to be provocative in a certain way," Garcia Bernal told The Associated Press in Spanish during a recent phone interview from Cochabamba, Bolivia, where he is filming a new movie.

He said Moodysson's work "profiles people in a sharp, vulnerable way that many people can find irritating, while many others can love."

"Mammoth," which opened on Friday in the U.S., centers around a successful married couple in New York: Leo (Garcia Bernal), creator of a booming Internet site who begins to feel trapped in the rat race, and Ellen (played by Michelle Williams, ex-fiancee of the late Heath Ledger), a self-sacrificing surgeon who spends long shifts saving lives in the emergency room.

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In this film publicity image released by IFC Films, Michelle Williams, left, and Gael Garcia Bernal are shown in a scene from, "Mammoth."

Their 8-year-old daughter, Jackie (Sophie Nyweide), spends most of her time with their Filipino nanny, Gloria (Marife Necesito), which leads Ellen to question her priorities in life. At the same time, in the Philippines, the nanny's family struggles to survive without her. During a business trip to Thailand, Leo unknowingly triggers a series of events that have dramatic consequences for all of them.

"I really liked this movie after reading the script," Garcia Bernal said, adding that the idea of working with Moodysson and Williams was also attractive.

And the birth of the 30-year-old actor's first child, Lazaro, in January, has given him a different view of how to interpret the role of a father in film.

Chef Paula Deen accidentally hit by charity ham

ATLANTA (AP)—Celebrity chef Paula Deen got an unexpected serving of ham—across her face. The Food Network star was helping unload 25,000 pounds of donated meat for an Atlanta food bank on Monday when someone threw one of the hams like a football and accidentally smacked her.

Deen tells WGCL-TV: "I thought it busted my lip, but it didn't."

Though smiles and laughter, Deen added: "I'm OK. It just knocked me for a little bit."

She says she was unloading hams when she tossed one to a man, who then said "Back at 'ya." Thinking he meant it only as a sentiment, she turned around to get another ham when the errant swine came at her.

"He really meant, 'Back at 'ya.'"

Later, she tweeted: "I haven't met the ham that could stop me yet!"

AP

In this Oct. 26, 2009 file photo, Paula Deen applauds at the Women's Conference 2009 Night in Long Beach, Calif.

'Dancing with the Stars' to crown new champ

NEW YORK (AP)—Mya, Danny Osmond and Kelly Osbourne will soon find out who is the new champion of "Dancing with the Stars."

The winner will be chosen Tuesday evening in the two-hour finale of the ninth season of the ABC show.

The singer Mya scored 87 out of 90 points in her three dances Monday with professional partner Dmitry Chaplin. Osmond finished second with 85 points, and Osbourne landed in third with 76 points.

It's been an eventful season for the show. Most notable was former Congressman Tom DeLay's brief appearance. He withdrew from the competition in the program's third week.

ABC can expect high ratings for Tuesday's finale. Last week's results show attracted an audience of 16.2 million. The gymnast Shawn Johnson won last season's "Dancing with the Stars."

AP

In this Sept. 8, 2009 file photo, Tyler Perry is shown at the premiere of Tyler Perry's "I Can Do Bad All By Myself", in New York.

Filmmaker Tyler Perry donates $1M to NAACP

BALTIMORE (AP)—Filmmaker Tyler Perry has donated $1 million to the NAACP to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the civil rights organization.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People says the gift announced Monday is the largest donation from an individual in the organization's history. It will be distributed over four years.

In a statement, Perry says the perseverance of thousands within the NAACP helped pave the way for his success in the film industry.

NAACP leaders say the gift marks a major shift in black philanthropy. They say donations of this size have not typically gone to civil rights groups.

It's also a key time for the NAACP as the group faces questions over whether it remains relevant.

Sambora of Bon Jovi honored as NJ hometown hero

WOODBRIDGE, N.J. (AP)—The New Jersey town where Richie Sambora grew up says Bon Jovi's lead guitarist can come home whenever he wants.

On Tuesday, residents and public officials gathered in Sambora's hometown of Woodbridge to name a street in his honor.

The 50-year-old Sambora has launched a fundraising effort called, "You Can Go Home," to give back to the community. The program benefits Woodbridge teen Kelly Mahon, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor two years ago.

Sambora also financed the new weight room at his alma mater, Woodbridge High School. It's being named in honor of Sambora's father, Adam, who died of cancer in 2007.

The street leading to the school is now Richie Sambora Way.

Sambora says he's never taken his success for granted.

Bon Jovi lead guitarist Richie Sambora talks to fans after Woodbridge residents and public officials gathered Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, in his hometown, Woodbridge, N.J., to name a street in his honor because of his philanthropy.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Sade to release new album

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sade is making music again. The soulful English group fronted by 50-year-old singer Sade Adu will release a new album Feb. 8, according to Epic Records. "Soldier of Love" will be the group's first studio album since 2000's "Lovers Rock." All five of Sade's studio albums have landed in the Top 10 on the Billboard Top 200, selling more than 50 million copies worldwide. "Soldier of Love" was recorded in England and produced by the band and longtime collaborator Mike Pela.

Italian group asks MTV to cancel 'Jersey Shore'

FAIRFIELD, N.J. (AP)—A national Italian-American organization based in New Jersey says an MTV reality show that depicts Italian-American beachgoers as the "hottest, tannest, craziest Guidos" is offensive and should be scrapped before it airs. UNICO National said Tuesday that "Jersey Shore" relies on crude stereotypes and highlights cursing, bad behavior and violence in depicting renters at a New Jersey beach house. An MTV promo says the participants "keep their hair high, their muscles juiced and their fists pumping all summer long!" UNICO President Andre DiMino calls the show "trash television." It's scheduled to debut Dec. 3. MTV did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment.

A.R. Rahman, Hudson headline state dinner

WASHINGTON (AP)—It's an all-star lineup for Tuesday's first state dinner of the Obama White House: Oscar-winners Jennifer Hudson and A.R. Rahman headline the entertainment list. Hudson won an Academy Award for her role in the movie "Dreamgirls." Rahman won two for music in "Slumdog Millionaire," including the Best Original Song award for "Jai Ho." Also performing: Kurt Elling, a Grammy-winning jazz singer and composer, and the National Symphony Orchestra, with Marvin Hamlisch conducting. The dinner for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was in a tent on the White House South Lawn. Guests dined at tables for 10 with apple-green linens. Deep purple flowers are meant to evoke the state bird of India, the peacock.

Fox releases January return dates for 'Idol,' '24'

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox network is unveiling big plans for January.They include bringing back "American Idol" with a two-night season premiere Jan. 12 and 13. Then the network starts the clock ticking for a new season of its suspense drama "24" with a two-night, four-hour event airing Jan. 17 and 18. Before all that, Fox honors "The Simpsons" on Jan. 10. The night starts with the 450th episode of the animated series. Bart and his pal Milhouse try to kelp kids' show host Krusty the Clown regain his popularity after network executives force him to hire a female sidekick. That episode will be followed by a one-hour retrospective documentary, "The Simpsons 20th Anniversary Special."

Numbers game adds levity for those who got the joke

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I loved the letter from "Claire in Bethlehem, Pa." (Sept. 4) and her idea of creating dinner parties or luncheons to celebrate days with unique numbers. I agree wholeheartedly with your response to her. I bet if there were a 13-13-13, Murphy's Law would mandate that it fall on a Friday!

I am curious how many readers won't get the joke and will write in, feeling the need to explain to you that there isn't a 13th month. I am betting it'll be in the hundreds; my husband is betting maybe just a dozen. Could you settle that bet for us? We have a dinner riding on it.

AMANDA IN ANMOORE, W.VA.

DEAR AMANDA: You win. I heard from readers by the hundreds, and about half of them volunteered that they thought I was "losing it." (Thanks, folks!) I hope the dinner your husband buys you will be sumptuous, intimate, candlelit and enjoyable. Read on:

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DEAR ABBY: If you want your advice to be taken seriously, check what you write before you publish. In today's paper you said you hope 13-13-13 falls on a Friday. What planet are you from? I'm not sure I even want to read advice from a person who is this disconnected. So get out the calendar, check your facts and print a retraction!

BILL IN KEY WEST

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DEAR ABBY: I'm not a stupid person, but I thought you'd get a kick out of knowing I actually tried to research what day of the week 13-13-13 would fall on. Then I just cracked up out loud.

SHARI IN PITTSBURG, CALIF.

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DEAR ABBY: Were you serious? I am sure you were trying to be funny, and I'm not trying to insult you. It took me a couple of seconds to realize there is no 13th month, so it would be impossible to throw a dinner party on 13-13-13.

I hope you'll write your column forever because it had an influence on me deciding to become a counselor.

DIANNA IN SPRINGFIELD, ORE.

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DEAR ABBY: I looked it up, and 13-13-13 does NOT fall on Friday. It falls on a Noneday.

FLORA IN MILAN, MICH.

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DEAR ABBY: Allow me to offer a suggestion to "Claire in Bethlehem, Pa." For her Oct. 10, 2010, party she should pop some popcorn and rent a Bo Derek movie.

JOEL IN DOVER, N.H.

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DEAR ABBY: I suggest you celebrate 13-13-13 on April Fool's Day.

JOAN IN CHARLESTON, ILL.

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DEAR READERS: It is my intent that this column not only inform, educate and occasionally inspire, but also entertain. The daily news is often depressing, and I would like to give you some relief from it—a place where you can learn from the predicaments of others and, once in a while, turn the page with a smile.

Love, ABBY

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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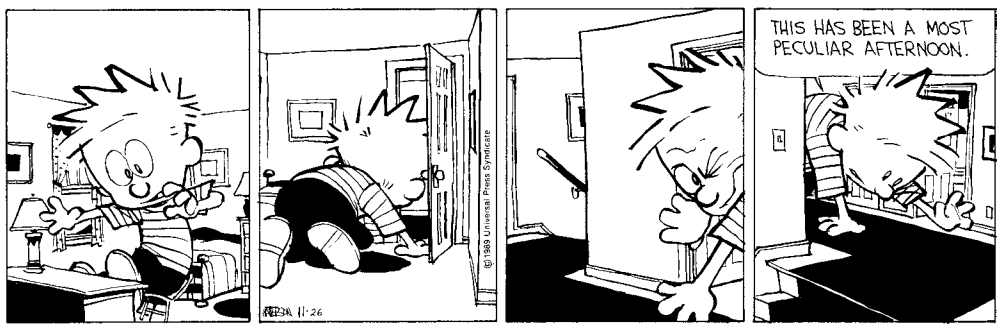
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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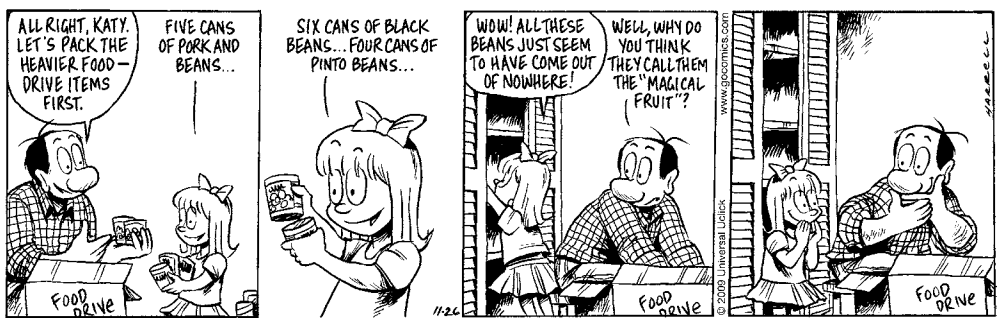
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SIX CANS OF BLACK BEANS... FOUR CANS OF PINTO BEANS...
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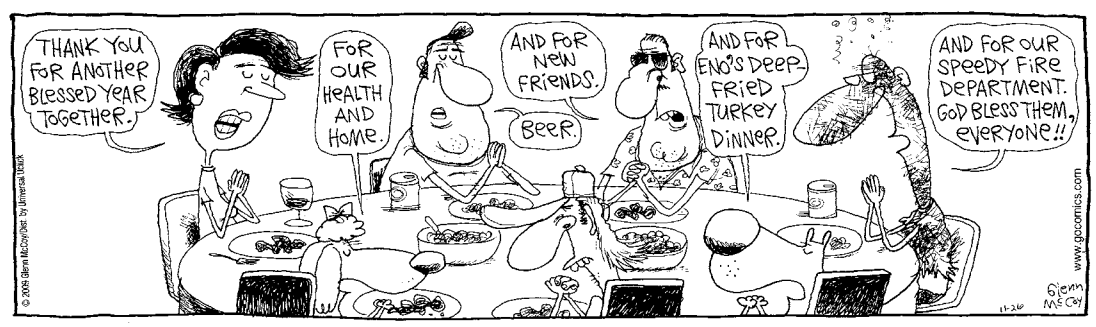
By Glenn McCoy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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Pouch
4 Crooner Perry
8 Cribbage score-keepers
12 "Berlin's "What'll —?"
13 Paper quantity
14 Bound
15 Trade
17 — mater
18 Central
19 Israeli parliament
21 Toxic hydrocarbon
24 Perched
25 Toss in
26 Uncle, south of the border
28 Sounds from grandfather?
32 Cry
34 Saloon
36 Scoop holder
37 Twangy
39 Beam of light
41 Culpa preceder
42 Clampett patriarch
44 Cyclist's protection
46 A, C or E
50 Mermaid's realm
51 Grad
52 Shared
56 Actress Sorvino
57 Duel tool
58 Conk out
59 Nerd-pack contents
60 Stitched together
61 Mined-over matter

DOWN
1 Bracketed word
2 Commotion
3 Low chests of drawers
4 One way to pay
5 "— the fields we go"
6 Big name in trucks
7 Portents
8 Barbie's makeup?
9 Morays, e.g.
10 Ready for action
11 Lovers' quarrel
16 Blend
20 Chow down
21 Sunrise
22 Notion
23 Pinch
27 "— Town"
29 Shock trooper
30 Dandling site
31 Chair part
33 Nightwear
35 "Humbug!"
38 Moon vehicle
40 Sycophants
43 Chops into cubes
45 Romanian money
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47 Nastase of tennis
48 Swerve
49 "Unh-unh"
53 Kitten's comment
54 Balloon fill
55 Novelist Harper

Solution time: 25 mins.

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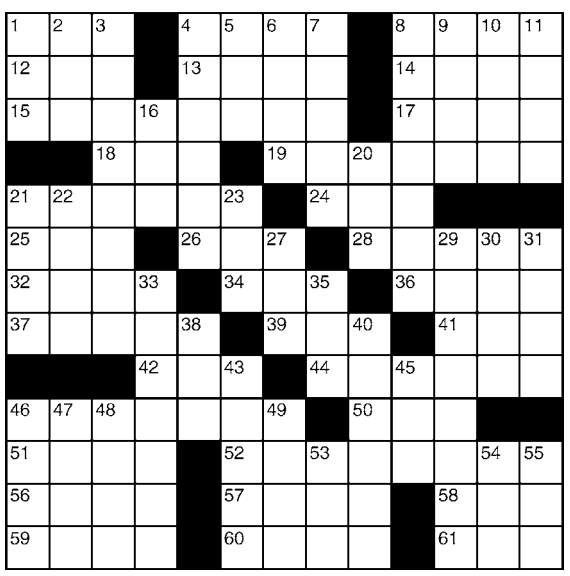

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lil' Fizz, 24; Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon, 43; Tina Turner, 70; Rich Little, 71

Happy Birthday: Organization, precision and not letting your emotions run wild will be the key to your accomplishments this year. Be disciplined and ready to deal with each issue quickly and efficiently. You have to hold the key to your future and not let anyone interfere with your plans. Reconnect with your past and find a way to meld the old with the new. Your numbers are 4, 11, 17, 23, 30, 39, 43

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Stop and think before you blurt out something that you will regret. Ruining a surprise or letting someone get wind of your plans will work against you. Small talk will get you past some of the potential mishaps you face. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You have no time to be upset or to get into an argument with someone. Rise above any of the trivial matters that tease your mind. Strive for happy memories and spending time with people who make a difference to your life. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You'll have to be careful not to offend someone with your actions or comments. Partnership problems are likely to develop if you aren't sensitive to the needs of others. You can find a solution once you recognize the problem. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't waste your talent. If you put it to good use, you will open up a professional opportunity that suits your lifestyle. You can turn your personal life into an asset. Stop daydreaming and start living your dream. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll be tempted to be frivolous and overly generous. Before you rack up bills or make costly promises, consider giving your time and experience instead of your cash. Challenge yourself physically and it will spark new ideas. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Know where you stand financially, emotionally and physically. Budget wisely but don't go without. You can stretch what you've got a lot further than you realize. Good ideas, good timing and a lot of love can conquer all. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Do everything in your power to fix any financial trouble you have. It is important that you take command of the situation immediately. Apply for a better position, pick up a part time job or cut costs at home. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): It's what you present and offer others that will help you get ahead of the financial rat race. Take more interest in what you do well and you'll find a solution to subsidize your income. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Before you do something you'll regret, access your situation and steer clear of becoming the middleman. Picking sides or interfering in any way will backfire. Stay neutral. The less you say, the better. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Do not hold yourself back or reduce your chance to advance because you think you are already out in front. Creative people will jump into the lead if you are lax in your ways. Be ready to take advantage of an unusual opportunity. ✪✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Follow your heart. You will instinctively take the road less traveled but that's the one that suits you best. Not everyone will agree with your decisions but once you get started, everyone will rally round. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Your emotions will be difficult to control. Put your emphasis on the people you care most about and you will bypass the troubles erratic behavior can lead to in the workforce. Less talk and more action will be the route to take. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are playful, possessive and emotional. You are quick to react. You have a big heart and will bend for those you care for.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Yesterday's Answer: Pinball

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 1, 2009, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property:

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DATED: Saipan, MP, November 3, 2009.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Ilmwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

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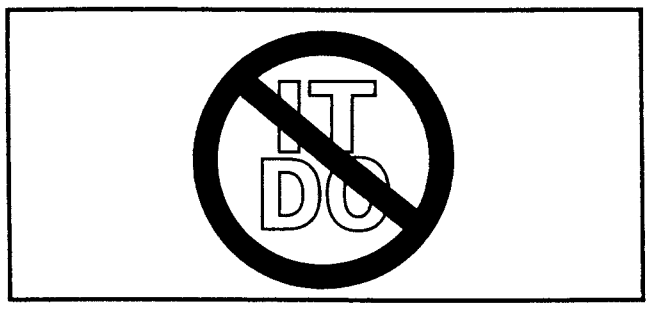

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Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin dies at 85

WASHINGTON (AP)—Abe Pollin was the NBA's patriarch, an old-school owner who won a championship and had the mettle to stand up to Michael Jordan. He introduced luxury boxes and the large replay screen to big-time professional sports. He used to have 3-point shooting contests with Wes Unseld.

That's plenty to admire for the rest of the country. In the nation's capital, Pollin will be remembered for so much more.

On Tuesday night, hours after Pollin died at the age of 85, the Washington Wizards played the Philadelphia 76ers in a neighborhood that was torched during the 1968 riots, on a street that most everyone avoided only 15 years ago.

Now the street is called "Abe Pollin Way," and it sits in front of Verizon Center, an arena Pollin risked much of his fortune to build. The building anchors a downtown area flush with theaters, shops and restaurants—all owing their existence to a man loyal to his city.

"He loved Washington," said Hall of Fame center Unseld, "when some of us at the time really didn't care a lot about it."

A moment of silence was held before the game for the NBA's longest-tenured owner, and the Wizards played with heavy hearts. They had learned of Pollin's death late in the afternoon. No details were disclosed, but he had suffered for years from progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare brain disorder that impairs movement and balance. He also had heart bypass surgery in 2005 and broke his pelvis two years later.

"The NBA family has lost its most revered member, whose stewardship of the Wizards franchise, together with his wife Irene, has been a study in unparalleled dedication to the city of Washington," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "During his illness he fought with a determination and valor that will remain an inspiration to all."

With Pollin's death, a group led by longtime AOL executive Ted Leonsis is poised to take ownership of a Washington-area sports empire that began when Pollin purchased the Baltimore Bullets in 1964.

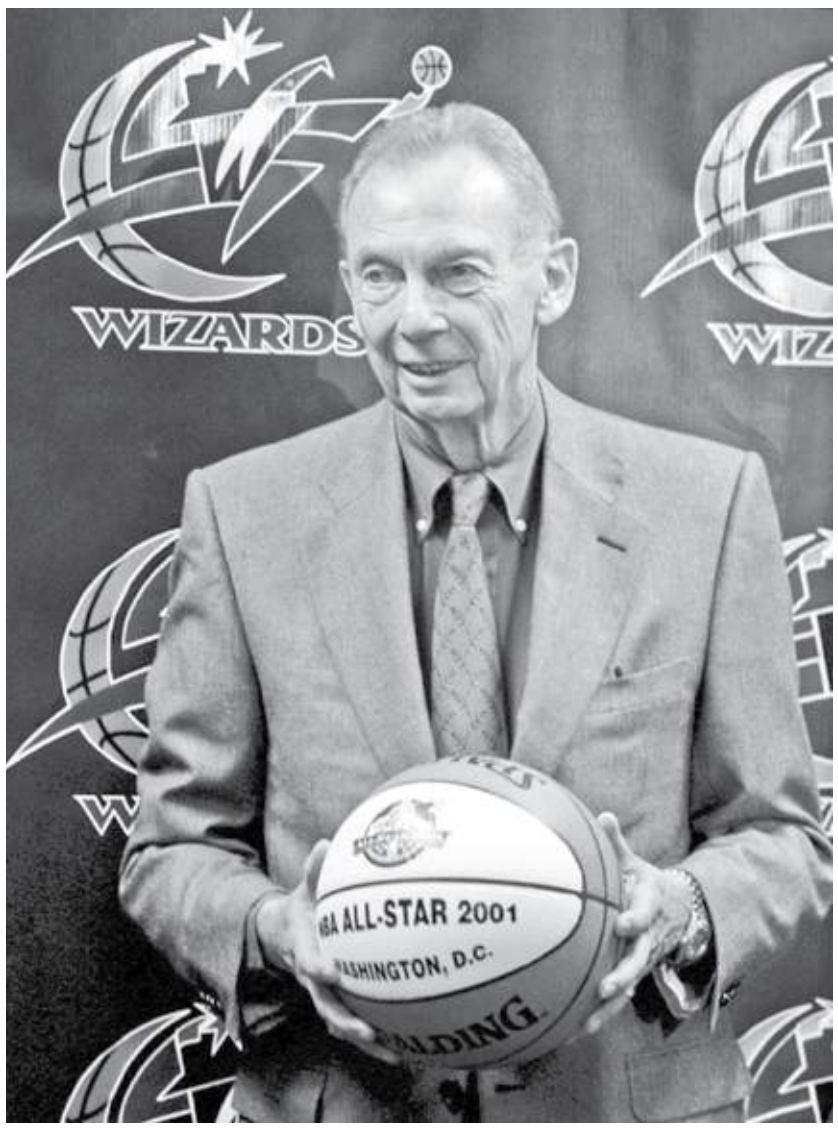
Leonsis previously bought two of Pollin's teams—the NHL's Capitals in 1999 and the WNBA's Mystics in 2005—and secured the right of first refusal to buy the rest of Pollin's Washington Sports and Entertainment holdings—including the Wizards, Verizon Center and Washington-Baltimore TicketMaster—when Pollin retired or died.

"We are committed to continuing his tradition of building exciting, championship-caliber teams," Leonsis' ownership group said in a statement.

In the changing world of professional sports, Pollin stood out for decades as an owner who tried to run his teams like a family business. He bemoaned the runaway salaries of free agency and said it would have been difficult for him to keep the Wizards if it weren't for the NBA's salary cap. He was such a father figure that the team's marquee star, Gilbert Arenas, immediately called his own father on the West Coast upon hearing of Pollin's death.

"He was the father away from California," Arenas said. "He wanted a championship before he died. And as long as I'm here, that's what I'm going to be shooting for."

A builder by trade, Pollin also constructed the Verizon Center's predecessor, originally known as the Capital Centre, in the Washington suburbs in 1973. He renamed his NBA team in 1997 because of the violent connotation of the word "Bullets," particularly in a city associated with crime.



AP

In this Dec. 4, 1999, file photo, Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin holds a commemorative basketball following a news conference at the MCI Center in Washington, announcing that the Wizards will host the NBA All-Star Game in 2001.

The Bullets won the 1978 NBA title, and Pollin maintained he would not sell the franchise until it won another championship—repeating that vow from his wheelchair as he was inducted into the George Washington University Sports Executives Hall of Fame in March.

"I've contracted a very rare disease, but it's not going to keep me from wining a championship," Pollin said. "Until then I'm not going to quit, and I'm going to do whatever I can to win a championship for this town, for me, and for the fans."

While he remained mentally sharp, his brain disease forced him to give up his active lifestyle and rely on a cart to ride the halls of the Verizon Center. He and his wife, Irene, established a $1 million research fund in 2008 at the Society for Progressive Supranuclear Palsy in hopes of finding a cure.

Pollin was critical of modern-day player misbehavior and wouldn't hesitate to trade a star who got in trouble off the court. At his insistence, the final labor agreement after the 1998-99 lockout included stricter rules concerning player conduct.

"You may or may not want to be role models, but you are role models," Pollin told his players after the labor talks ended. "If you don't want to be role models, you should get out of this business and go do something else."

Pollin's ultimate coup—getting Jordan back into the NBA—was a plan that didn't pan out. Jordan, in a deal brokered by Leonsis, bought a minority stake in the Wizards in 2000 and was given the title of president of basketball operations.

The sport's biggest name spent 3 1/2 seasons in Washington, the last two on the court after deciding to come out of retirement as a player, but his domineering personality overwhelmed the organization and made losing even more miserable. He expected to return to his front-office job and repurchase his ownership share after playing his final game, but Pollin parted ways with No. 23 during a stormy 20-minute meeting in May 2003.

Pollin later explained his decision in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It was an atmosphere on edge," Pollin said. "It was not a healthy atmosphere to produce a happy organization or a winning team. ... I knew that there would be some negative stuff thrown at me, but when I made my decision, I stuck to my decision. I wasn't going to change."

The drama of Jordan's exit threatened to overshadow the rest of Pollin's accomplishments, including his philanthropy and his two state-of-the-art arenas.

The Capital Centre, located in Landover, Md., and was the nation's first sports major venue with luxury boxes and a big replay screen. It was topped 24 years later by the Verizon Center, which Pollin built with $200 million of his own money at a time when many owners of professional franchises demanded taxpayer support for new facilities—and threatened to move their teams if they didn't get it.

"He had opportunities to go to other places, but this is where he wanted to be," team president Ernie Grunfeld said. "He wanted to do this for his city."

Born Dec. 3, 1923, Pollin and his family moved from Philadelphia to the Washington area when he was 8. He graduated from George Washington University in 1945 and went to work in his family's construction business. He started his own construction company in 1957.

Pollin and two partners bought the Bullets in 1964 for a record $1.1 million, a mere fraction of the salary of today's NBA stars. He bought out his partners four years later and moved the team to the Washington suburbs when the Capital Centre opened. He also acquired an expansion NHL franchise, the Capitals, for his new building.

The Bullets won their championship with Unseld and Elvin Hayes and reached the NBA finals the following season as well, but Pollin was unable to keep up with the subsequent free agency explosion that sent salaries skyrocketing. He kept a shoestring front-office operation for much of the 1990s, was sometimes reticent to spend big for players, and developed a reputation for retaining employees who were loyal but not necessarily successful.

"I have no doubt that he kept me longer in positions than he should have," said Unseld, who also was the Wizards' coach and later their general manager, "and longer than I wanted him to. He was loyal."

Pollin's frustration boiled over when he argued with Jordan at a labor negotiating session during the 1998-99 lockout. When Pollin complained that individual owners such as himself could no longer survive, Jordan suggested that Pollin sell his team. Less than a year later, Pollin and Jordan became partners in a relationship that never blossomed.

After far too many losing seasons to count, the Wizards finally started winning again in recent years. A 2005 playoff series victory was the franchise's first in 23 years, and the team returned to the postseason for the next three seasons.

Wizards edge 76ers 108-107 after owner's death

WASHINGTON (AP)—Antawn Jamison had 32 points and 14 rebounds to lead Washington past the Philadelphia 76ers 108-107 on Tuesday, hours after the death of Wizards owner Abe Pollin.

Nick Young added 20 points for the Wizards, despite playing without Caron Butler, who sat out with a sore right ankle.

Louis Williams' layup pulled Philadelphia to 108-107 with 40 seconds remaining. After Gilbert Arenas committed a turnover with 28 seconds left, Williams missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer as the final buzzer sounded.

Pollin's death was announced by his company, Washington Sports & Entertainment. He was 85

Lakers 100, Knicks 90

At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 34 points, and Pau Gasol added 11 points and 16 rebounds as Los Angeles exploited a major size advantage in beating New York for its fourth straight victory.

Ron Artest scored 17 points for the Lakers, who took control of their eighth win in 10 meetings by scoring 17 consecutive points in the third quarter while holding the Knicks scoreless for nearly 71/2 minutes.

Andrew Bynum added 17 points and eight rebounds on an injured right ankle, although he barely needed to jump while helping Los Angeles to a 60-36 rebounding advantage over New York's undersized front line.

Nate Robinson and Wilson Chandler scored 15 points apiece for the Knicks.

Raptors 123, Pacers, 112

At Toronto, Chris Bosh had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Jose Calderon scored a season-high 21 points as Toronto handed Indiana its fourth straight loss.

Jarrett Jack scored 18 against his former team, and Andrea Bargnani and Hedo Turkoglu each had 14 points for the Raptors, who won for just the second time in six games.

Indiana's Danny Granger recovered from a poor first half to finish with a season-high 36 points, including seven 3-pointers, and nine rebounds. Ex-Raptor T.J. Ford scored 16.

Nuggets 101, Nets 87

At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 27 points and Nene added 17 as Denver dealt New Jersey its 14th straight loss to start the season.

Arron Afflalo had 15 points, helping the Nuggets win their 16th straight regular-season home game, including all six this season.

At no wins from 14 games, the Nets are creeping closer to the NBA record of 17 consecutive losses to start a season, which is held by Miami and the Los Angeles Clippers.

With another torrid shooting night, Anthony, the league's leading scorer, remained the only player to score at least 20 points in every game this season.

Devin Harris, who's been hampered by a groin injury, and Rafer Alston both finished with 19 points to lead New Jersey.

Warriors 111, Mavericks 103

At Dallas, Monta Ellis scored a season-high 37 points and Anthony Morrow added a season-best 27 as a short-handed Golden State ended Dallas' five-game winning streak.

Dallas was led by Dirk Nowitzki's 28 points and 10 rebounds and Jason Terry's 21 points, but the Mavericks had no defensive answers for Ellis and Morrow.

Rookie guard Stephen Curry had 18 points and Vladimir Radmanovic added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Warriors, who used only six players.

Thunder 104, Jazz 94

At Salt Lake City, Kevin Durant scored 28 points as Oklahoma City held off a late surge by Utah.

Durant also had eight assists and Jeff Green had 19 points, six rebounds and five assists as the Thunder ended a four-game losing streak in Utah.

The Thunder built a 19-point lead early in the fourth quarter and didn't allow the Jazz to get any closer than eight down the stretch.

Carlos Boozer had 26 points and seven rebounds and Deron Williams had 10 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Jazz, who committed 24 turnovers.

Pujols wins 2nd straight NL MVP award

NEW YORK (AP)—Albert Pujols' third National League MVP award put him in select company. Only Barry Bonds has more. "I'm just humbled," Pujols said. Pujols won unanimously Tuesday, becoming the first player to repeat since Bonds won four in a row from 2001-04. Pujols, who also won in 2005, received all 32 first-place votes and 448 points in balloting announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He became the first unanimous MVP since Bonds in 2002.

A big part of the Cardinals' success this year was the acquisition of Matt Holliday in July. Holliday, who hit cleanup behind Pujols, helped St. Louis win the NL Central and then became a free agent.

"The whole city of St. Louis wants Matt back and myself, obviously," Pujols said. "He came at the right time, right when we needed it, right when we were struggling a little bit."

While the Cardinals have five division titles and six playoff appearances in nine seasons since Pujols joined the team, they have won the World Series only once, in 2006.

"I always make a joke. I got 10 fingers. I want to get nine more rings," he said. "I want to get as many as Derek Jeter has so far (five). Obviously that's hard to do."

Pujols does have one individual goal—the Hall of Fame.

"Obviously, there is still a long way to go," he said.

Pujols led the majors in homers (47), runs (124), slugging percentage (.658) and intentional walks (44), and topped the NL in on-base percentage (.443). He was second in the league in doubles (45) and third in batting average (.327) and RBIs (135).

He was especially dangerous with the bases loaded, going 10 for 17 with five grand slams, three doubles and 35 RBIs.

"I think it was the most consistent year," he said. "I was pretty much hot April until almost September."

Florida's Hanley Ramirez, the NL batting champion, was second with 233 points, followed by Philadelphia's Ryan Howard (217) and Milwaukee's Prince Fielder (203), who tied Howard for the big league lead in RBIs at 141.

Pujols didn't homer in his final 89 regular and postseason at-bats after Sept. 9, then had surgery Oct. 21 to remove a bone spur from his right elbow. He had feared he might need ligament replacement, which probably would have forced him to miss the first half of next season.

"My elbow was fine," Pujols said. "I don't put that as an excuse. I was still playing every day out there."

Pujols, who turns 30 in January, joined Hall of Famer Al Simmons (11) as the only players with 100 or more RBIs in each of their first nine seasons. Pujols also set a big league record for assists by a first baseman with 185.

Pujols became the fourth player to win the NL MVP three times. Bonds won seven in the 1990s and 2000s. Stan Musial (1940s), Roy Campanella (1950s) and Mike Schmidt (1980s) each won three.

Five players have won three AL MVPs: Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle and Alex Rodriguez.

In addition to Pujols and Bonds, the only unanimous NL winners were Orlando Cepeda (1967), Schmidt (1980), Jeff Bagwell (1994) and Ken Caminiti (1996). Unanimous AL winners have been Hank Greenberg (1935), Al Rosen (1953), Mantle (1956), Frank Robinson (1966), Denny McLain (1968), Reggie Jackson (1973), Jose Canseco (1988), Frank Thomas (1993) and Ken Griffey Jr. (1997).

St. Louis players have won 17 MVPs, second in the majors behind 20 for the Yankees. Pujols has been voted among the top 10 in nine consecutive years, finishing second in 2002, 2003 and 2006; third in 2004; fourth in 2001; and ninth in 2007.

Pujols receives a $200,000 bonus for winning the award. He is signed for next season at $16 million, and the Cardinals hold a $16 million option for 2011, so the sides might soon turn their attention to a contract extension.

"We don't want this to drag into the 11th hour, but nothing's imminent," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said in St. Louis. "I don't think anybody could envision what he's accomplished, on and off the field."

Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins was voted the AL MVP on Monday, receiving 27 of 28 first-place votes.

AP

St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols talks to reporters Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009, in St. Louis, after he was voted the National League MVP, becoming the first player to repeat since Barry Bonds won four in a row from 2001-04.

Feds seek rehearing of baseball drug list ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Federal officials are asking for a rehearing of an appeals court decision that said the government illegally seized drug-testing samples and records of baseball players who allegedly tested positive for steroids.

Officials say their investigations have been hampered by the ruling, which established new rules for computer searches by federal agents.

In a court filing Monday, the government asked the 9th U.S. Court of Appeals to take the unprecedented step of having all 27 of its judges reconsider the case.

A panel of 11 9th Circuit judges ruled in August that investigators trampled on protections against unreasonable searches when they seized the records and samples of 104 players who allegedly tested positive during baseball's 2003 survey.

Investigators initially obtained warrants for only the test results of 10 players.

Chairs of NFL concussion panel resign

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Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a wide-ranging memo about concussions to NFL teams Tuesday, saying the co-chairmen of the league's committee on brain injuries have resigned and that he is examining potential rule changes "to reduce head impacts."

A copy of the memo was obtained by The Associated Press before the league issued a press release about its contents.

Goodell wrote that Dr. Ira Casson and Dr. David Viano, who have led the league committee on concussions since 2007, "have graciously offered to resign from those positions and to continue to assist the committee in its important work. We have accepted those resignations and are currently identifying their replacements."

Goodell said he wants to add new members "who will bring to the committee independent sources of expertise and experience in the field of head injuries."

Casson has come under attack recently from the NFL Players Association and members of Congress for criticizing independent and league-sponsored studies linking NFL careers with heightened risk for dementia and cognitive decline.

A message was left for Casson at his office.

"This is a step in the right direction," NFLPA assistant executive director George Atallah wrote in an e-mail to the AP. "We look forward to working with the league to formalize their announcements."

Goodell also said he met Monday with competition committee co-chair Rich McKay to review specific types of plays with an eye to evaluating possible rules changes "to reduce head impacts and related injuries in a game setting."

Among the other points addressed in the memo, which was addressed to chief executives, club presidents, general managers, head coaches, team physicians and head athletic trainers:

■ Goodell wrote the NFL will "continue to invest in research designed to improve equipment safety, and we will urge players to make informed choices regarding the use of the most technologically advanced helmets."

■ He noted that former NFL coach and TV analyst John Madden is leading a panel of coaches looking into reducing concussion risk outside of games. Among the possibilities under discussion: reducing offseason work, limiting helmet use and contact in practice, mini-camps and training camps.

■ The league will hold a conference on concussions in Washington in June; team medical personnel "will be required to attend."

■ A public service message developed by the NFL and Centers for Disease Control "directed primarily at young athletes and their parents and coaches on the importance of head injury awareness" will debut next month.

"Our game today is played with the understanding that medical decisions must always take priority over competitive interests. As a result, our sport has become safer for those who play it," Goodell wrote. "However, and particularly when player health and safety is involved, we always strive to do better."

Goodell publicly has been increasing his focus on concussions as the issue has drawn more attention this season, including at a congressional hearing in October.

Casson did not appear on Capitol Hill that day, and some House members complained when he did not testify. During the hearing, Rep. Linda Sanchez, a California Democrat, played a clip of a TV interview in which Casson denied evidence of a link between multiple head injuries in NFL players with brain disorders. Sanchez said that reminded her of tobacco companies denying a link between smoking and disease.

During interviews with 160 NFL players conducted by The Associated Press from Nov. 2-15, 30 replied they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion. Half said they've had at least one concussion playing football.

High-profile players such as Brian Westbrook of the Philadelphia Eagles and running back Clinton Portis of the Washington Redskins have missed games in recent weeks because of head injuries. Last Sunday, the two starting quarterbacks from last season's Super Bowl left their teams' games after taking blows to the head: Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Kurt Warner of the Arizona Cardinals.

"I expect to advise you in the near future of additional steps that we have identified, both through our own work and in conjunction with outside experts and the NFLPA. These include new medical guidelines and research directed at the issue of long-term effects of concussions," Goodell wrote. "Our goal remains to make our game as safe as possible, to protect the health and safety of our players, and to set the best possible example for players at all levels and in all sports."

Roach: Pacquiao will knock out Mayweather

BOXING

MANILA, Philippines—Either Freddie Roach is trying to get the goat of Floyd Mayweather Jr. or he'd seen a kink in the American's armor.

While negotiations for the Manny Pacquiao-Mayweather super clash have yet to formally begin, Roach has already predicted a knockout win for his prized ward if the two clash.

Roach's predictions just can't be ignored.

The Hall of Famer was right on the button when Pacquiao stopped David Diaz, Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton and Miguel Cotto in succession.

And when he said that Hatton would fall inside two rounds, Pacquiao happily proved the American trainer right.

In an interview with Elie Seckbach of ES News Channel, Roach said Mayweather is fragile and defense-minded because he is afraid to get hit.

"And Manny will hit him," added Roach. But Hatton offered a different view.

In an article by Billy Sloan in Britain's *Daily Record*, Hatton—who was also stopped by Mayweather in the 10th round—picked the American to win over the Filipino ring icon.

"I think Mayweather would win because he's just so good defensively and hard to hit," said Hatton.

Though Hatton admitted he was blown away by Pacquiao's 12th-round TKO of Cotto on Nov. 14 in Las Vegas, the Briton said he would bet on Mayweather when the fight, touted to be the decade's biggest, pushes through. ***(PDI)***

Fajardo sets best net score of season

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Mariano Fajardo saved the best for last, ruling the Saipan Golfers Association December Ace of the Month tournament with a season-record of net 60.

Fajardo

The 25-handicapper defeated 18 other SGA members for the December Ace plum to notch a slot to the Ace of the Aces tournament that will be held this weekend. Fajardo shot a gross 41 on the front nine and had a birdie on the par-4 hole No. 8. He made another birdie on the back nine (par-5 No. 18) to finish with a gross 44 and a total of 85. His net 60 gave him a five-stroke win over Das Krishnan.

Krishnan, a 17-handicapper, got off to a good start with his 3-over par 39 on the front nine, but fumbled on the back with a 7-over par 43 on the back for a gross 82 and net 65.

Completing the Top 3 was Ray San Nicolas, who beat Ray Dela Cruz in the scorecard tiebreak. San Nicolas was consistent with his game at Coral Ocean Point on Sunday, tallying 43 on both nines. After deducting his 9 handicap, San Nicolas ended up with a net 77, the same score of Dela Cruz. Dela Cruz lost the tiebreak, as he had a 45 on the front nine.

The 16 other SGA members who competed for the last ticket to the Ace of the Aces tournament were: Jess Castro (net 78), Steve Balakrishna (80), John Cruz (80), Frances Sablan (80), Edward Sablan (81), Jung Teack (81), Edward Manibusan (82), Norbert Sablan (82), Art Deleon Guerrero (82), Joe Demapan (83), Ben Aldan (83), Larry Deleon Guerrero (84), John Babauta (86), Joe Deleon Guerrero (86), Jose Sablan (86).

Besides making two birdies, Fajardo also had a longest drive on the par-4 No. 6. Larry Deleon Guerrero was the other longest drive winner on the par-5 No. 18. Duplicating Fajardo's two birdies was Castro (par-5 No. 9 and par-4 No. 10), while Babauta and Dela Cruz had one apiece on the par-4 No. 13 and par-4 No. 6, respectively.

Meanwhile, SGA's club championship will be held this Saturday and Sunday. Saturday' s first round will be played at Kingfisher Golf Links with tee-off set at 11am. COP will host the second and final round and tee-off is scheduled for 10am. Qualifiers must be at the venue an hour before the tee-off.

The 12 members who will vie for the coveted SGA Ace of the Aces trophy are defending champion Demapan, Fajardo, Manibusan, Pete Roxas, Ray Dela Cruz, Frank Rosario, Joe Rosario, Tony Guerrero, Vince Rosario, Ed Sablan, Art Guerrero, and Jayson John.

SLLB to host golf fundraiser

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will be holding a fundraising golf tournament on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort on Jan. 30 next year.

SLLB president Tony Rogolifoi said proceeds from the tournament will be used for the operational cost of the 2010 season of the league. The fundraiser will have a double peoria format and entrance fee is $95, inclusive of greens free and admission to the banquet after the tournament. Check-in time for the fundraiser is at 6am, while tee-off is set 7am.

SLLBA is encouraging all our avid golfers to register and participate in this fundraising event. Your donation and support to the Little League baseball program would be greatly appreciated," Rogolifoi said.

Meanwhile, SLLB will open its 2010 season on Feb. 13 and will hold competitions in four divisions, namely the Majors, Juniors, Seniors, and Big League. Games in the Majors will be played at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinna Ballfield, while matches in the three other divisions will take place at the bigger Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. Both ballfields undergo minor repairs and cleaning and is expected to be ready when the SLLB open its new season, three months from now.

Teams interested in competing in next year's SLLB must pay the $500 entrance fee and submit a copy of roster and players' health insurance on or before Jan. 13, 2010.

Ol'Aces will be the defending champion in the Majors, as they downed the San Antonio Dragons, 6-5, in the finals early this year with Virolanson Secharmidal scoring a walk-off single.

In the Big League, the Falcons' Ben Cabrera also made a walk-off single to lift his team to a 6-5 win over the Fielders in the finals.

The Patriots claimed both the pennant and the championship in the Junior League after drilling an 8-4 title win over Ol'Aces in the finals. The Fielders clinched the Senior League championship after blanking Kagman Lion Kings, 10-0.

For more information about SLLB and its fundraiser, contact Rogolifoi at 288-3515, Walter Macaranas at 483-9258, or Manny Tenorio at 323-3866. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	4	.714	—
Toronto	7	8	.467	3 1/2
Philadelphia	5	9	.357	5
New York	3	11	.214	7
New Jersey	0	14	.000	10

Southeast Division

Atlanta	11	3	.786	—
Orlando	11	3	.786	—
Miami	8	5	.615	2 1/2
Charlotte	4	9	.308	6 1/2
Washington	4	9	.308	6 1/2

Central Division

Cleveland	10	4	.714	—
Milwaukee	8	4	.667	1
Chicago	6	7	.462	3 1/2
Indiana	5	7	.417	4
Detroit	5	9	.357	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	10	4	.714	—
Houston	8	6	.571	2
San Antonio	6	6	.500	3
New Orleans	6	9	.400	4 1/2
Memphis	5	9	.357	5

Northwest Division

Denver	10	4	.714	—
Portland	11	5	.688	—
Oklahoma City	8	7	.533	2 1/2
Utah	7	7	.500	3
Minnesota	1	13	.071	9

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	11	3	.786	—
Phoenix	11	3	.786	—
L.A. Clippers	6	9	.400	5 1/2
Golden State	5	8	.385	5 1/2
Sacramento	5	8	.385	5 1/2

Yesterday's Games
Toronto 123, Indiana 112
Washington 108, Philadelphia 107
Golden State 111, Dallas 103
Oklahoma City 104, Utah 94
Denver 101, New Jersey 87
L.A. Lakers 100, New York 90

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LOCAL SCORES

PILCOWA STANDINGS

Open

Diamond	2	0
IT&E	1	0
Saipan Fresh	1	0
Noni Saipan	0	2
NCIC	0	1

Masters

Ebisuya	2	0
Wushin	1	0
GEC	1	1
University of Loyola	1	1
Cool Water	0	3

FORMER

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have 100 riders for the third edition of the Hell of Marianas with about 20 off-island participants from Guam, Japan, and Korea.

PIC has also invited media cyclists from Japanese magazines *Fun Ride*, *Outdoor Japan*, Russia's *Edge* and Korea's *AB Road*, *Bicycle Life Newsweek*, *Esquire,* and *MNet*.

The HOM course will start at the southern parking slot of PIC then riders head north to the Chalan Piao intersection, make a U-turn back to the start, and proceed south into the village of Koblerville toward the Saipan International Airport. From the airport, cyclists will ride uphill towards the villages of San Vicente, Papago and Kagman going to Laolao Bay Golf Resort. From the golf course, riders will proceed north on Isa Drive and descend down to the Kingfisher Golf Course entrance and make the U turn, scaling the long, windy road uphill to Capital Hill. At the bottom of the Capital Hill, the course converges on Chalan Pale Arnold Road to the next checkpoint high atop Radar Hill in As Matuis. The last portion of the race will have riders cruising Saipan's infamous historical and scenic sites, including Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, Grotto, and Banzai Cliff. For the finish, cyclists will cruise Beach Road back to PIC.

DIAMOND

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his fastbreak layup rattled off the rim, capping a frustrating night for Noni.

Noni now has a 0-2 record to drop to the bottom of the team standings, while Diamond holds a 2-0 slate for the lead.

Esdrelon paced Diamond with 29 points. De Vero topscored for Noni with 22, but was held to six points in the second half. Bon Tamayo, who already had 16 markers after three quarters, was limited to a pair of free throws in the fourth, as Diamond defenders hounded him in the final canto.

Ebisuya 103, Cool Water 87

Also carding a 2-0 mark and leading in the masters division is Ebisuya, which nailed another blowout win over Cool Water, 103-87.

Ebisuya capitalized on its foes' second-half collapse, too, to keep its unbeaten record. It fell behind by five at halftime, 35-40, before William Opone anchored Ebisuya's recovery in the third.

Opone fired nine points at the start of the second half and seven other Ebisuya players made it into the scoreboard in that canto to turn the favor, 70-60, entering the payoff quarter. Ebisuya never relinquished the lead from thereon, as its deep bench continued to contribute on offense. The league-leader had six players scoring in double figures.

Masters

Ebisuya 103 – Opone 19, Santos 17, Rebuyon 14, Fernandez 12, Olivos 11, Abedes 10, Casabuena 8, Peleno 4, Tengco 3, Abuan 2.

Cool Water 87 – Montano 36, Galulu 18, Espinosa 12, Pablo 10, Lopez 4, Quemado 3, Dela Cruz 2, Buniag 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-28, 35-40, 70-60, 103-70.

Open

Diamond Ali'I 94 – Esdrelon 29, Camacho 15, Barbo 14, Artates 11, Mercurio 11, Talania 4, M. Capalad 4, Barrios 2, Manalo 2, W. Capalad 2.

Noni Saipan 88 – De Vero 22, Tamayo 18, Abuel 16, Aquino 14, Bernardo 8, Demapan 6.

Scoring by quarters: 18-25, 40-53, 74-75, 94-88.

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and Juancho Mendoza to advance. Mendoza handed Ken Phillips his first loss.

In the loser's bracket, Chisato defeated Watanabe but fell to Mendoza. Hocog eliminated Rengiil and Kapileo before Mendoza got him too. Hamoy, smarting from his loss to Espiritu, then beat Mendoza.

Taitano sent Phillips packing then lost to Villanueva. Santos did the same to Pelican. but couldn't get past Masayos.

That set up the most entertaining match of the night, with Masayos switching to defensive play after Villanueva jumped out to an early lead. Relishing his underdog role, Masayos began playing to the crowd by dancing to the music as he played "safe" shots to hide the cue ball. In the end, Villanueva's steady play and patience paid off, and he advanced.

Kileleman then tried the same tactics, but Villanueva won by making a long bank to cut the 8-ball into the corner pocket.

Hamoy rolled past Villanueva and Cultura to top the loser's bracket, but again couldn't handle Espiritu.

"We'd like to thank Taylor Watanabe, Ron Chisato and, of course, Vic Hocog for bringing food to the tournament," Phillips said.

USSP will be holding weekly 8-ball tournaments again, starting this Sunday, Nov. 29.

"Rose and I had been talking about it," said Phillips, "and a lot of the players asked us to bring them back."

The Sunday tournaments will start at 7:30pm. The usual double-elimination format following BCA rules will be used.

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Capital Hill's Raymond Angeles and Raymond Zapanta finished 19th with their 2,368 pinfalls, while Percy Omechalang and Alex Castro of Team Saipan were 21st with their 2,329.

Youth bowlers Jared Gutierrez and Raphael Zapanta wound up 26th with their 2,187.

On the women's side, Saipan Emi Williams and Diana Camacho came in 12th out of 20 teams with their 2,116 pinfalls. Teammates Elsa "Gigi" Zapanta and Gloria Omechalang, meanwhile, ranked 18th with their 1,923.

The women's doubles was won by Pohang's Kim Hee Jung and Yoon Jun Sil with their 2,815 pinfalls. Runners-up were Shah Alam's Yap Wi Yin and Choy Poh Lai and Tamuning's Shelee Javier and Felymar Mandapat with their totals of 2,558 and 2,550, respectively.

Following the singles and doubles categories, the Team of 4 event was played last night. The Top 16 men and 16 women in the All Events standings will qualify for the Masters finals set from Nov. 26 and 27.

2009 All Schools Cross Country Championship

Photos By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Hopwood's Jo Ann Reyes nears the finish line in the girls' U12 division of the 2009 All Schools Cross Country Championship at the CPA Airport Field on Saturday.

MHS's Jeralyn Castillo runs barefoot and finishes first in the girls' U18 division.

Timer Bobby Winkfield gestures as MHS' Danny Bai completes the first lap of the two-lap course.

Boys' U18 winner James Castro gasps for air as he nears the finish line.

Volunteers Bobby Winkfield, left, and Penny Jones wait for the finishers.

Hopwood's Jared Arriola, right, and Saipan Community School's Dylan Ackerman engage in a close race for third and fourth place in the boys' U12 division.

Boys' U18 runners negotiate the grassy course.

Three runners in the U12 age group make a turn to the second to the last cone leading to the finish line.

Members and coaches of Saipan Community School's U12 boys team pose with their championship trophy.

Members and coaches of Hopwood's U12 girls team receive their championship trophy.

Roach: Pacquiao will knock out Mayweather

Either Freddie Roach is trying to get the goat of Floyd Mayweather Jr. or he'd seen a kink in the American's armor.

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Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin dies at 85

Abe Pollin was the NBA's patriarch, an old-school owner who won a championship and had the mettle to stand up to Michael Jordan.

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Former Olympian to race in Hell of Marianas

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An Olympic veteran will be among the riders to watch in next month's 3rd Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle.

Kanae Quinn of the organizing Pacific Islands Club said Amber Halliday of Australia had already confirmed her participation in the 100-kilometer race that will kick off on Dec. 5. Besides her Olympic stint in 2004 in Athens, Greece, the lightweight rower Halliday was also a competitor at the World Championship for six years (2000 to 2003 and 2006-2007). She won three gold and three silver medals in those six years. In Athens, she and double-scull partner Sally Newmarch set a world-best time in the preliminary heat, but placed only fourth in the finals.

From rowboat, the Adelaide native switched to bike, training with the South Australian Sports Institute squad late last year. Halliday won her first cycling race when she topped the NZCT Women's Cycle Tour of New Zealand in February this year.

The Australian biker is expected to give defending women's champion Mieko Carey a tough fight in next month's race. Carey was the first female finisher in last year's Hell of Marianas after timing in at three hours, 28 minutes, and .05 seconds.

The men's division will be an open race, as two-time champion Eli Torgeson would not be around to defend his title. Torgeson timed in at 3:02:22.62 to rule last year's race and shatter his own mark of 3:20:33 during the inaugural event in 2007. He left Saipan for the mainland a month after completing back-to-back wins in HOM.

This year's men's division race are likely to have two Russian pros, as PIC is close to confirming the participation of Alexander Bagenov and Danila Komkov.

Overall, PIC is expecting to

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Amber Halliday, seen here competing in women's time trial in 2009 Scody Australian Open Road Championships in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, early this year, will be joining next month's Hell of the Marianas.

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'The Ghost' tops Turkey Shoot

Roger Espiritu is the 8-ball champion once again. The 2007 winner of USS Peleliu Club's Marianas Turkey Shoot returned to form on Sunday, taking the 2009 tournament without losing a game.

The win was good for $165, a frozen turkey, and a first-place trophy courtesy of Pacific Amusement. Chester Hamoy earned $95, a turkey and trophy for finishing second, with another turkey, trophy and $65 going to Nolan Cultura for his third place finish.

If anything, Espiritu was more deliberate and focused than usual in his march to the top of the winner's bracket. He warmed up by swatting Ron Chisato aside, then ran the table on Rolly Villanueva and Hamoy. He needed two turns to send Cultura to the loser's bracket.

Villanueva had defeated Taylor Watanabe, while Hamoy got past Vic Hocog and Nizer Masayos, who had beaten Mei Rengiil.

Cultura fought for the top of the winner's bracket after downing Emi Pelican, Simeon Kapileo and Bernard Kilelеman. Kapileo had notched a close win over Dean Santos, while Kileleman had to beat good buddy Patrick Taitano

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Roger "The Ghost" Espiritu, shown here in a file photo, won the USS Peleliu Club Marianas Turkey Shoot last Sunday.

Manacop

Barja

Manacop, Barja do well in doubles

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Simon Manacop and his doubles partner Kitz Barja gave a good account of themselves in the men's doubles category of the 23rd Asian Intercity Bowling Championships held Tuesday night at the Central Lanes in Tamuning, Guam.

The Team Saipan bowlers finished seventh in the 30-team event, as the duo knocked down 2,619 pins.

Manacop continued his strong showing in the annual tournament, firing 1,353 pinfalls in six games for a 225.5 average. Barja, for his part, tattooed 1,266 pins in six games for a 211 average.

The Department of Public Safety detective and Micronesian Brokers, Inc. general manager were 300 pins off men's doubles champion Choi Suk Byung and Kim Young Pyo of Daegu, who came away with a combined score of 2,919.

Host Tamuning's J.D. Castro and Brian Manibusan came in second with their 2,760 pinfalls, while settling for third was Kim and Choi's teammates from Daegu, Baeu Su Wook and Shin Shung Hoon, who recorded 2,759 pinfalls.

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Diamond hands Noni back-to-back losses

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Defending champion Diamond Ali'I dealt Noni Saipan another blow, eking out a 94-88 victory during their game in the open division of the 2009 PILCOWA Basketball League on Thursday night at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

Noni Saipan came off a disappointing 108-11 overtime loss to Saipan Fresh Market on Monday night and suffered back-to-back losses, as it collapsed anew in the second half.

The Joey Siriban-coached Noni Saipan controlled the first half, leading by 13 at halftime, 53-40. Rain halted the game early in the third and when the match resumed after more than 20 minutes, Noni Saipan cooled off and started losing its big lead.

Elmer Esdrelon drilled 16 of his 29 markers in the third period to cut Noni Saipan's lead to one, 74-75, entering the final canto. He, Badong Camacho, and Glenn Mercurio then hit clutch baskets in the fourth to complete Diamond's come-from-behind win.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Diamond's Elmer Esdrelon, right, drives past Noni Saipan's Ivan De Vero during their game in the PILCOWA caging on Tuesday night at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

Diamond finally took the lead at the 81-80 tally on Darwin Barbo's incomplete three-point play and it was a seesaw battle since then.

The game was tied last at 88-all, on Glenn Aquino's jumper, with 1:30 left in the payoff canto. Esdrelon then broke the deadlock when he made a layup and drew a foul from Wowie Abuel. Esdrelon failed to can the bonus shot and Noni had a chance to tie the game, but Aquino went 0-for-2 from the foul line.

Esdrelon attacked Noni's defense anew and missed a layup. However, Camacho was there for the offensive rebound and a put-back to give Diamond a 92-88 lead, with 40 seconds left on the clock.

Abuel went for a quick trey and faltered and Aquino collared the rebound, pulled up for a jumper from the foul line and missed badly, as the ball hit nothing but the air.

Noni gave up fouls in ensuing plays to stop the clock and Mercurio went 2-for-4 to put the icing on the cake, with less than10 seconds left in the game. Ivan De Vero had a chance to score the last basket of the match, but

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